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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1869.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 11, 1869.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, at the City Hall, on Monday, the eleventh day of January, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., by order of the Mayor, for the organization of the Board for the current Municipal year. Organization.

There were present, the whole board, exeept Messrs. Beeching, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Child, Cudworth, Fogg, S. K. Lothrop, Marsh, Merrill, of Ward 11, Morrill, Parkman, Ricker, Shackford, Stearns, Storey, Walsh, Wescott, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. Members absent.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, and, at his request, the Rev. Mr. Waterston offered Prayer. Prayer.

The Chair appointed a Committee to collect the Certificates of Election, consisting of Messrs. Brown, Shattuck and Close; who, having attended to that duty, reported the names of the gentlemen from the various Wards whose Certificates they had received. The report was accepted. The certificates were subsequently referred to the Committee on Elections. Certificates of Election.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the Rules and Regulations of last year were adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the present Board. Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Dr. Eastman, Voted to proceed to the election of a Secretary. The Chair appointed Messrs. Monroe, Secretary.

Bent and Stevens a Committee to collect the ballots; who attended to that duty, and reported the whole number of votes to be 69; necessary for a choice 35. Barnard Capen had 54, and there were 15 scattering. Mr. Capen accordingly, was declared elected. The salary of the Secretary was, on motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, fixed at eighteen hundred dollars for the ensuing year, — the same as for the previous year.

Standing Committees. Committee on Printing.

The President then appointed the Standing Committees for the year, and they were confirmed by the Board. Dr. Green was excused, at his own request, from service on the Committee on Printing. The Chair appointed Mr. Monroe to fill the vacancy thus made.

Mr. King offered the following:

School for deaf mutes.

1. *Ordered,* That a Committee of five, appointed in May, 1868, to consider the expediency of establishing a school for Deaf Mutes in this city, be continued.

2. *Ordered,* That the City Council be requested to furnish a hall, sufficient for the School Committee, City Council, and friends, to witness an exhibition of Deaf Mutes, from Hartford, Conn., and Northampton, Mass., — each one occasion. Both of the Orders were adopted. The following are the Committee agreeably to the first of the orders, viz.: Messrs. King, Washburn, Parkman, Allen and Packard.

Mr. Underwood offered the following order:

Committee on Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools consist of fifteen members, one from each Ward. The order was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Connor.

Committee on Schools for licensed minors.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. L. Lothrop, That the Committee which has had charge of the schools for licensed minors the past year, be continued in charge of said schools the current year.

Committee, Messrs. L. Lothrop, Haskins and Winkley.

Mr. Brown offered the following order:

Ordered, That the use of gas be restored to the Brimmer School. Referred to the Committee on School-Houses. Gas for the Brimmer School.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waterston, That the "Life of Josiah Quincy" be added to the list of books of reference. Books of reference; Life of Josiah Quincy.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Riley, That the Committee on Accounts, in making up the estimate of the expenses for the schools — required to be made in the month of February of each year, — state therein the amount of money necessary, in its judgment, to furnish school-books free to all the pupils in our Public Schools.

Mr. Riley offered the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Board, the cause of education in our city will be advanced by providing that all school-books shall be furnished free of expense to all pupils. School-Books free.

2. *Resolved*, That the City Council be requested to take all steps necessary to the accomplishment of that end.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of these Resolutions be furnished by the Secretary of this Board to the City Council. Laid on the table, on motion of Dr. Ezra Palmer.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following orders, viz.:

1. *Ordered*, That there be paid to Miss Charlotte T. Ehlin the sum of $36.75 for twenty-one days' services, from Dec. 9th to Jan. 11th, inclusive; and to Mary A. J. Frothingham, $40.25 for twenty-three days' services, from Dec. 7th to Jan. 11th, inclusive; both as temporary assistants in the Girls' High and Normal School, at $1.75 per day. Girls High and Normal School.

2. *Ordered*, That Mr. Ephraim Hunt receive the maximum salary, $4,000 as Head-Master of the Girls' High and Normal School, for the current school year.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

3. *Ordered*, That the Girls' High and Normal School be supplied with the following apparatus: One set of French

weights and measures; one set of models of crystals for mineralogy; twelve-inch globes, wooden stands.

Referred with full power to the Committee on Accounts.

Fire extinguishers.

4. *Ordered,* That the Committee on School Houses consider the expediency of providing the several school-houses with fire extinguishers. Passed.

School Manual.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Rust, That the Secretary of this Board be instructed to prepare and distribute, at the earliest practicable period, the usual number of copies of the School Manual for the current year, under the direction of the Committee on Printing.

Washington and Dudley School District; new Primary school.

Dr. Allen offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the Rules for its passage. The Rules were suspended, and the order passed, as follows:

Ordered, That the Washington and Dudley School District Committee be authorized to establish a new Primary school in said District, in the School-house in Franklin Place.

Duties of the elective officers of this Board.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hunt, that a Committee of seven be appointed to define the duties of the elective officers of this Board, and report at the next meeting of the Board; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be that Committee.

Mr. Underwood offered the following:

Lincoln School District; new Primary school.

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to consider the expediency of erecting a Primary School House in that part of the Lincoln School District known as *Bay View.* Passed.

Dr. Eastman called up the Order offered by Dr. Upham, Dec. 29th, and referred to this Board, as follows:

Attendance in Primary schools.

Ordered, That the suggestions in the last report of the Superintendent of Schools, relating to the attendance of pupils in the Primary Schools, be referred to a special committee of five to consider the same, and report to the Board what action in the premises is expedient. Passed, and the Chair appointed the following committee, viz.: Messrs. Upham, Eastman, Hunt, Briggs, and Morse.

Nominations of Teachers:

Phillips School District.—Ella F. Wright, Primary teacher in the Phillips School House, commencing January 4, 1869. Nominations of teachers.

Evening Schools.—Edwin F. Gerry, in Ward Room, North Bennet Street, and Louisa Holmes, Chambers Street Chapel.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 9, 1869.

A Monthly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall on Tuesday, the ninth day of February, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Present. — The whole Board, except Messrs. Blenkinsop, Brown, Close, Cudworth, Flynn, Foye, Green, Haskins, Ingalls, Lewis, Marsh, Nichols, O'Connell Packard, E. D. G. Palmer, Pelletier, Reynolds, Sanders, Shackford, Slade, Stearns, Storey, Streeter, Trull, Tucker, Underwood, Walsh, Waterston, Wescott, and the President of the Common Council. Members Absent.

The Chair announced the following changes in Committees, viz: The transfer of Mr. Bowdlear from the Quincy to the Everett School District Committee, and Mr. Steadman from the Everett to the Quincy School District Committee; also, Mr. Allen, appointed to the Committee on Evening Schools in place of Mr. Jellison. Changes in Committees.

Teachers confirmed:

Girls' High and Normal School. — Anna K. Adams, and Clara A. Robbins, Primary teachers in the Training Department, from September, 1868. Teachers confirmed.

Boylston School. — James E. Parker, usher.

Comins School District. — Emily L. Lydston, Primary teacher.

Dudley School. — El Dora A. Pickering, assistant.

Dwight School. — Sarah F. Chandler, assistant, commencing November 3, 1868.

Hancock School. — Sophia L. Sherman, assistant, commencing October 1, 1868.

Phillips School District. — Miss Georgiana A. Munroe, transferred from a Primary to the Grammar School, January 11, 1869.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation:

Teachers nominated.

English High School. — George W. Peirce, sub-master, commencing November, 1868.

Comins School District. — M. Louisa Cummings, Primary teacher, commencing January 4th.

Lincoln School. — Abby A. Baker, assistant, commencing January 14, 1869.

Rice School District. — Ella B. Cheney, Primary teacher, commencing January 28th.

Evening Schools. — Sylvanus T. Rugg, principal, and Roscoe P. Owen, assistant, in the school in South Boston. John Richards, principal, Lewis Emerson and George W. Green, assistants, in the school in Hampden Street. Miss Swain in the school in Ward 6. Martha Spalding, assistant in the school in Chambers Street, commencing with the opening of the school.

Brimmer School District; new Primary school.

Mr. Jellison read the report of the Committee on School-Houses on the matter of a new Primary School House in the Brimmer School District. In view of the changes in progress around Fort Hill, and the poor accommodations for Primary Schools in the western portion of the Brimmer School Section, the Committee recommended the passage of the following order, urging that the City Council give the subject the earliest possible attention:

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to build a Primary School House within the Brimmer School Section, in or near the Church Street District. Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Jellison, from the Committee on School-Houses, also recommended the passage of the following order:

Brimmer School; use of Gas.

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to restore the use of gas to the ushers' Room in the Brimmer School House. Passed.

Mr. Loring Lothrop read the report of the Committee

on Salaries, upon orders referred to them at the last meeting, for the payment of $36.75 to Charlotte T. Ehlin, and $40.25 to Mary A. J. Frothingham, for their services as temporary assistants in the Girls' High and Normal School, recommending the passage of the orders. The question was taken upon the orders, and they were adopted.

Orders to pay temporary teachers.

Mr. L. Lothrop also read the report of the Committee on Salaries on the petition of the head assistants in the masters' rooms (presented in October), for an increase of their salaries; and upon the order directing the Committee on Salaries to consider the expediency of increasing the salaries of the assistants and the Primary teachers (presented in November), recommending that no action be had thereon until the meeting of the Board in June. Accepted.

Salaries of head-assistants, assistants and Primary teachers.

Mr. Simonds read the report of the Committee on Accounts on the matter of a philosophical apparatus for the Norcross School, recommending the following:

Norcross School; Phil. Apparatus.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to procure, under the sanction of the Committee on Accounts, a suitable apparatus for the Norcross School. The order was adopted.

Mr. Simonds also read the report of the Committee on Accounts on the order referred to them at the last meeting, to provide that the Girls' High and Normal School be supplied with certain apparatus, specified in said order. The Committee reported that they had purchased five sets of the globes — each set comprising a terrestrial and a celestial globe; that the set of French weights and measures, and the models of crystals for mineralogy appear to be desired in the pursuance of studies not specifically recognized by the Rules of the Board, and the Committee do not feel it to be in their province to take action in the matter; and especially so from the facts coming to their knowledge, that some parents are impressed with the belief that their daughters are already overworked in pursuing the studies required of them in this school.

Girls' High and Normal School.

The Committee recommended that the Committee on Text-Books be requested to consider and report whether it be advisable so to alter the rules as to admit of the study of Mineralogy as a distinct branch; and of the study and use of the Metrical or French system of weights and measures in the Girls' High and Normal School.

The Report was accepted.

Lawrence and Norcross School Districts; the Drake Primary School House.

Mr. Simonds, in behalf of the Committees on the Lawrence and Norcross School Districts, submitted a report to the effect that the Committees had had a united meeting in relation to the new Primary School House on C Street, soon to be occupied. An opportunity now is presented for this Board to pay an additional tribute of respect to the name of one who was born and educated in the vicinity of the new building, and who for several years was an active, useful, and highly esteemed member of this Board, but whose labors among us have closed by his decease. They therefore unanimously recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the new Primary School House on C Street, in Ward Seven, bear the name of the Drake Primary School House.

The order passed.

Duties of the elective officers of the Board.

Mr. Learnard, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, submitted a report upon the matter referred to them at the last meeting, concerning the "Duties of the Elective Officers of this Board."

Report, Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The Committee report that the elective officers of this Board are the Superintendent of Public Schools and the Secretary of the Board. An Auditing Clerk is authorized by the Rules, chosen by the Committee on Accounts, and performing his duties under their direction. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible to the whole Board, and is required to submit, in March and September, semi-annual reports, which embrace a full account of his labors in the

Schools. The Secretary of the Board is not, by the Rules, under any special supervision. It seems desirable that the Secretary should be placed in charge of some Committee. As the Committee on Rules and Regulations are, perhaps, brought, more than any other Committee, in contact with this officer, it is thought that this supervision may properly be placed with them. The Committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Chap. VI., Sect. 1, be amended by striking out the word *and,* in the fourth line, and inserting a period in place of the comma, after the word "adopted," in the same line; also that there be added, at the close of the section, the following: and he shall perform the duties of his office under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Regulations. Accepted, and the order adopted.

Mr. Learnard also reported, from the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in relation to the provisions of Sect. 37, Chap. IX., which the committee say cannot be carried out to the letter without the assembling of the schools on the twenty-first of February, even should it fall on Sunday, as is the case the present year. The Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order: Twenty-first of February.

Ordered, That Sect. 37, Chap. IX., be amended by striking out the first line and inserting in place thereof the following: Annually on the school-day preceding the twenty-second of February. Passed.

Mr. Childs read the report of the Committee on Elections on the Certificates of Election referred to them, that they had examined the returns of the officers of the wards, and found the gentlemen named therein to have been elected as members of the School Committee for the terms specified. Certificates of Election.

The report was accepted.

The following orders were offered and referred to the Committee on Salaries: Matters referred to Com. on Salaries.

1. By Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, that forty-eight dollars

be paid to Melvenia A. Patterson for thirty-two days' services, from Jan. 4, 1869, as a teacher in the Lincoln School.

2. By Mr. Burroughs, that $43.75 be paid to Mary A. J. Frothingham, and $43.75 to Charlotte T. Ehlin, for temporary services respectively, in the Training School and the Girls' High and Normal School, twenty-five days, from January 12th to February 9th, inclusive.

3, and 4. By Mr. Winkley, that $151.50 be paid to Miss S. E. Erye for services from Sept. 7, 1868, to Jan. 16, 1869, one hundred and one days; and $18.00 to Miss E. T. Boynton for services from January 18th to January 30th, inclusive, twelve days, both in the school for special instruction in the Mayhew School District.

Resignation of W. H. Wescott; Convention proposed.

The resignation of W. H. Wescott, of Ward 7, as a member of the Board, was read and accepted; and on motion of Mr. Connor, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, informing them that a vacancy exists in this Board, caused by the resignation of W. H. Wescott, of Ward 7, and proposing a convention, in the Common Council Chamber, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancy; and that public notice be given of the same pursuant to law.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee to nominate to the Board a suitable candidate for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. H. Wescott, viz: Messrs. Connor, Simonds, Wilson, O'Connell and Ordway.

High School Regiment; Swords and Belts.

A petition was presented from the officers of the Latin and English High School Regiment, asking that swords may be procured for their use, when performing military drill under the regulations of the School Committee; whereupon, Dr. Page, of Ward 6, offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to furnish the drill companies belonging to the High Schools

with swords, belts, etc., the cost not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars; the same to be charged to Incidental Expenses. Passed.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Page, of Ward 6, that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish, for the use of the boys of the Roxbury High School, a drill-room.

Roxbury High School; drill room.

Mr. Monroe offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on School-Houses be directed to consider the expediency of enlarging the lot on which the Lewis School House stands, by purchasing land adjoining. Referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Lewis School-House lot.

Mr. Monroe submitted the bill of Jonas Pierce, for furnishing refreshments for singers at the dedication of the Lewis School House, amounting to sixty dollars. Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Bill of Jonas Pierce.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider and report whether some practical rule cannot be framed and adopted, by which the scholars, especially in the Grammar Schools, shall study at home only what requires study, and not explanation, and that the lessons that require explanation and large exercise of thought shall be explained to them fully in school, with due care, especially the lessons in arithmetic and grammar; and thus the pupils be taught by the regularly paid teachers of the City, in their several schools, and the parents or older brothers and sisters saved from the necessity of becoming teachers at home.

Study at home.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brigham, that a committee of five be appointed to represent this School Board before the Legislative Committee on the Judiciary, in reference to a proposed amendment of our City Charter. The Chair appointed the following as that committee, viz: Messrs. Brigham, Waterston, Beeching, Underwood and Morse.

Committee with reference to proposed amendments of City Charter

Lawrence School District; Miss Baker's Services.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Connor, That the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars be paid Miss Alice W. Baker, for ninety-two days' service as temporary primary teacher in the Lawrence School District, from Oct. 1st, 1868, to Feb. 1st, 1869.

Norcross and Lawrence School District Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Connor, That the Norcross and Lawrence School District Committee be, and they are hereby, authorized to transfer and arrange the Primary Schools in their respective districts, and make such arrangements as they may deem best for the interests of the schools, by the transfer of teachers, subject to the approval of this Board.

Salaries of Female Teachers; Memorial of Charles Sumner and 600 others.

Mr. Hunt presented a petition, signed by Charles Sumner, Harvey Jewell, and more than six hundred others, — citizens and tax-payers of Boston, — advocating an increase of the salaries of the female teachers of the Public Schools.

Voted, to refer the petition to the Committee on Salaries.

Evening Schools.

1. *Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Childs, amended by Mr. Simonds, and under a suspension of the Rules, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, in defraying the expenses and paying the salaries of the teachers of the Evening Schools; the same to be charged to the appropriation for Grammar School instructors; also,

2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding three hundred dollars, for extra services to teachers in the Evening Schools, in such amounts and to such persons, as they may see fit, for services heretofore rendered, or that shall hereafter be rendered; the same to be charged to the appropriation for Grammar School instructors.

Mr. Washburn offered the following:

Whereas The scholars of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools residing in Ward One have, for several years, been allowed by the Ferry Company

to pass to and from the city, by paying the nominal sum of two dollars a year; and *Whereas* this privilege has been withdrawn since January first, and full fare is now required of them, imposing thereby a tax which their parents in many cases cannot afford to pay,

Free Passage over the Ferry for pupils of High Schools in E. Boston.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make arrangements with the Ferry Company, by which the scholars of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools residing in Ward One may pass over the Ferry free of charge.—The order passed.

Mr. Washburn, offered the following:

Whereas, Complaints have been made to members of this Board, that children attending the Public Schools are often exposed to currents of cold air from open windows, — sometimes for an entire session, by which cold and serious illness have been induced, —

Ventilation of School Rooms.

Ordered, That the attention of the Masters be called to this matter, and that they be requested to see that proper care is exercised in ventilating the school-room, by the teachers in their respective Districts.

Laid on the table, on motion of Dr. Ordway.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Flint, That a Committee of three be appointed by the chair, who, with the Superintendent of Public Schools, shall confer with the Committee on Public Buildings in reference to the ventilation of the School-houses now in process of erection. The Chair appointed the following as the Committee, viz.: Messrs. Bowdlear, Briggs and Washburn.

Ventilation of School Houses now in process of erection.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following:

Ordered, That Mineralogy be one of the studies of the Junior Class in the Girls' High and Normal School.

Mineralogy in Girls High and Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Ordered, That the subject of a new Institution of Learning be taken from the table, and referred to a Committee of

New Institution of Learning.

nine. The Chair appointed as the Committee the same gentlemen as were appointed to constitute the Committee in October last, viz, Messrs. Burroughs, E. D. G. Palmer, S. K. Lothrop, Merrill, of Ward 14, Underwood, Washburn, Shackford, Mason, and Dillaway.

Rules and Regulations to be printed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Learnard, That twelve hundred copies of the Rules and Regulations, including the amendments adopted since the last edition was issued, be printed.

Mr. Learnard offered the following order:

Printed Copy of Minutes.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to furnish to each member, with his notification of a meeting of the Board, a printed copy of the minutes of the preceding meeting. Mr. Learnard moved a reference of the order, with full powers, to the Committee on Printing, and it was so referred.

Books of reference; Chambers' Encyclopedia.

The following order was referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts:

Ordered, That Chambers' Encyclopedia be added to the list of Reference Books for the Public Schools.

Annual School Festival.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hunt, That the President of the Board be requested, and is hereby authorized, to report at the next meeting of the Board, a Committee of nine, who shall be empowered to make arrangements for the Annual School Festival.

Mayhew School House; Gas to be introduced.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Winkley, That gas be introduced into the lower rooms of the Mayhew School House.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 9th, 1869.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Present. — The whole Board, except Messrs. Bigelow, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Clark, Emery, Flynn, Foye, Haskins, Ingalls, Marsh, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, Morrill, Nichols, O'Connell, Ezra Palmer, Edw. D. G. Palmer, Putnam, Rust, Shackford, Slade, Stearns, Stevens, Storey, Trull, Waterston and Woods. Members absent.

Voted, That the Minutes of the preceding meeting be read. Accordingly, the Secretary proceeded to read the minutes, until, on motion of Mr. Bent, the further reading thereof was dispensed with. Minutes read.

Mr. Connor, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate for filling the vacancy in the Board, caused by the resignation of W. H. Wescott, of Ward 7, reported the name of Patrick Barry. Accepted. Candidate for the vacancy.

The Chair read the acceptance, by the Mayor and Aldermen, of the proposition of this Board for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancy aforesaid.

The Board of Aldermen entered the Common Council Chamber, and the convention was then held. Convention held.

The Chair appointed Alderman Bradlee, and Messrs. Connor and Allen a committee to receive, sort and count the ballots, and they, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 49; necessary for a choice, 25; that Patrick Barry had 41, Wm. W. Allen 2, W. W. Doherty 2, John Smith 2, —— Barry 1, and 1 blank. So Patrick Barry was accordingly chosen.

The purpose having been accomplished for which the convention was held, the Board of Aldermen withdrew.

Committee on festival.

Agreeably to an order passed at the last meeting, the Chair nominated the Committee of Arrangements for the Annual School Festival, as follows, viz: Messrs. Washburn, Hunt, Merrill, of Ward 11, Lamson, Emery, Connor, Jarvis, Ricker, and O'Connell.

Resignation of James E. Marsh.

The Chair read the resignation of James E. Marsh, of Ward 13, as a member of this Board, and it was accepted. Thereupon, it was

Convention proposed.

Ordered, That the usual message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a convention, for the purpose of filling said vacancy, in the Common Council Chamber, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law.

Teachers confirmed.

Teachers who had served the usual term of probation were confirmed, as follows:

Bigelow School District. — Lucinda P. Works, assistant, commencing, March 1st.

Lincoln School District. — Emogene F. Willett, assistant.

Mayhew School District. — Ann M. F. Sprague, a Primary teacher.

Norcross School District. — Harriet L. Rayne, a Primary teacher.

Evening Schools. — M. L. Cummings, C. B. Moore, E. B. Walcutt, A. B. Rowe, H. E. Culligan, C. F. Conant, assistants, commencing December 22d, 1868, in the Highland District. John Richards, principal, and Lewis Emerson, assistant, commencing December 22d, in the school in Hampden Street.

Teachers on probation nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation:

Bigelow School District. — Lucinda P. Bowley, assistant, commencing March 1st.

Bowdoin School District. — Sarah F. Russell, a Primary teacher, commencing January 1st.

Comins School District. — Isadora Bonney, assistant, commencing March 1st.

Franklin School District. — Mary L. Masters and Elizabeth S. Maynard, assistants, commencing March 1st.

Lincoln School District. — Malvina A. Patterson, assistant, commencing February 9th. Margaret F. Reid, teacher of Sewing, commencing March 1st.

Lyman School District. — Susan J. Adams, assistant, commencing March 1st.

Mayhew School District. — Abby W. Spiller, a Primary teacher, commencing February 1st.

Norcross School District. — Juliette Smith, assistant, commencing March 10th.

Prescott School District. — Lucy E. David, assistant, commencing March 1st.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Lucy L. Burgess, assistant in the Washington School, commencing March 1st. Elizabeth F. Todd, a Primary teacher, commencing January 8th.

Quarterly reports.

The Quarterly Reports of the several High School and District Committees were read and accepted.

Evening Schools continued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Bent, That the Committee on Evening Schools be allowed to continue, for such time as they shall deem expedient, the evening school, corner of Anderson and Pinckney streets, and the evening school in Chambers Street.

New school-houses for the Bowdoin, Washington and Dudley Schools.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on School-houses:

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a School-house for the better accommodation of the pupils of the Bowdoin School.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a School-house for the accommodation of the Washington and Dudley Schools.

Report; Com. on salaries; to pay for temporary services.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon the orders referred to that committee at the last meeting, recommending their adoption, as follows:

1. That forty-eight dollars be paid to Malvina A. Patterson, for services in the Lincoln School.

2. That one hundred and fifty-one dollars and fifty cents be paid Miss S. E. Frye, for services in the Mayhew School District.

3. That eighteen dollars be paid to Miss E. P. Boynton, for services in the Mayhew School District.

4. That forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents be paid to Miss Charlotte T. Ehlin, and the same amount to Mary A. J. Frothingham, for services respectively in the Girls' High and Normal School, and in the Training Department. The orders were severally adopted.

Schedule of salaries of teachers to be printed.

Mr. Loring Lothrop, in behalf of the Committee on Salaries, asked leave to report in print, for the convenience of the Board, at its meeting in June, a schedule of the salaries paid to the teachers in the Public Schools; and the Board granted the request.

Report, Committee on accounts; globes.

Mr. Simonds, from the Committee on Accounts, reported in reference to globes for the use of the public Schools, that the Committee had received proposals from Mr. Gilman Joslin, of this city, to furnish Loring's globes, size 9½ inches, at a price very little more than is paid for Perce's 7-inch (erroneously printed "Perkins's" in the list of books of reference, etc.), which the Board had already ordered; that the Superintendent of Schools, several of the teachers, and the Committee, have no hesitation in recommending the substitution of Loring's for Perce's; and, therefore, that the Committee propose the following order for adoption:

Ordered, That "Loring's" globes be substituted for "Perkins's Magnetic" globes, in the list of articles adopted for the use of the Boston Schools. Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Connor read the annual report of the Committee on Printing, showing that the expenses of printing during the past year, for the Grammar and Primary Schools, amounted to eight thousand eight hundred and twenty-two dollars. Accepted.

Annual Report, Com. on printing.

The Chair read a communication signed W. S. Hutchings, Lightning Calculator, asking an opportunity to exhibit his power, and illustrate his system of teaching Addition and Multiplication. Referred, on motion of Mr. Learnard, to the Committee on Text-Books, with full powers.

Request of W. S. Hutchings, "Lightning Calculator."

The Chair appointed a Committee to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the resignation of James E. Marsh, of Ward 13; viz., Messrs Putnam, Tucker, Morse, Merrill, of Ward 14, and Morrill.

Mr. Simonds, in behalf of the Lawrence and Norcross School District Committees, reported the following specification of changes in the assignment of Primary Schools and Teachers in those Districts: the Mather Building, ten rooms, to the Lawrence School District; the Drake Building, six rooms, and the Silver Street Building, six rooms, to the Norcross School District; also, Misses Anne E. Newell, Ophelia S. Newell, Mary E. Cox, Mary H. Palmer, and Sarah M. Brown, from the Norcross to the Lawrence School District; Misses Lucinda Smith, Mary F. Peeler, Sarah S. Blake, Amelia McKenzie, and Abby C. Nickerson, from the Lawrence to the Norcross School District. All of which the Board confirmed.

Lawrence and Norcross School Districts. Assignments of teachers and schools.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Riley, That the City Council be requested to make all necessary provisions to supply books free of expense to all the pupils in our Public City Schools.

School-books free.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Bent, That the Special Committee, appointed to represent this Board before the Judiciary Committee of the General Court, be instructed to urge an amendment to the 56th section of the City Charter, by

Plans of new School-houses; Amendment of City

charter proposed.

the addition of the words, "and no School-house shall be located, erected, or materially altered, until the plans therefor shall have been approved by the School Committee."

Orders to pay for temporary services of teachers, etc., referred.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on Salaries:

1. *Ordered,* That sixty-three dollars be paid to Miss Harriet E. Lamper, for forty-two days' service as a temporary teacher in a Primary School in the Eliot School District, from January 4th to March 1st, 1869.

2. *Ordered,* That the sum of thirty-one dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss M. A. J. Frothingham, for services as a temporary teacher in the Training Department of the Girls' High and Normal School, for eighteen days from February 10th to March 9th (both inclusive), at $1.75 per day.

3. *Ordered,* That the sum of thirty-one dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss Charlotte T. Ehlin, for services as a temporary teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School for eighteen days, from February 10th to March 9th (both inclusive), at $1.75 per day.

4. *Ordered,* That the sum of thirty-six dollars be paid to Miss Alice W. Baker, for twenty-four days' service as a temporary teacher in a Primary school in the Lawrence School District, from February 1st to March 8th, 1869.

5. *Ordered,* That the salary of Larkin Dunton, master of the Lawrence School, be twenty-six hundred dollars for the year beginning March 11th, 1868.

6. *Ordered,* That the salary of W. L. P. Boardman, master of the Lewis School, be twenty-six hundred dollars for the year beginning December 1st, 1868.

Books of reference; Bancroft's History of the United States.

Mr. Flint offered the following order:

Ordered, That Bancroft's, or some other comprehensive history of the United States, be added to the list of Reference Books in the Grammar Schools. Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Dr. Lamson offered the following order, and it was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations:

Dismission of schools on stormy days.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be so amended as to provide for a uniformity in respect to the dismission of the schools on stormy days, by giving a general signal through the Fire Alarm.

Mr. Hunt offered the following, and it was likewise referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations:

Standing Committee on examinations for selection of teachers.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended, so as to provide for the appointment of a Standing Committee, consisting of one member from each ward, who shall have charge of the examinations for the selection of teachers of the Public Schools.

Mr. Streeter offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the Rules, for its passage. The Rules were suspended, and the order was adopted:

Washington and Dudley school Districts; new divisions.

Ordered, That the District Committee of the Washington and Dudley Schools are hereby authorized to establish two new divisions in said schools.

On motion of Dr. Bundy, amended by Mr. Underwood:

Land for school purposes.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to reserve the lot of land on the corner of Berkeley and Newbury Streets, owned by the City, for the erection of a building for school purposes.

Mr. Briggs offered the following order, and moved a suspension of the Rules, for its passage:

Bigelow School; maximum salary to Mrs. Works.

Ordered, That Mrs. Lucinda P. Works, a former head-assistant in the master's room in the Bigelow School, who, after nine months' absence to regain her health, now returns to resume her labors as teacher in a Grammar School, be allowed the maximum salary — six hundred and fifty dollars. The Rules were suspended, and the order was adopted.

Piano for the Drake School House.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Simonds, That the Committee on Accounts, with the sanction and advice of the Committee on Music, be instructed to procure a piano for the use of the

six Primary Schools in the Drake School House, similar in style and cost to the pianos now in use in other Primary School Houses.

Vacancies filled in committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Barry, of Ward 7, elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Wescott, on the Committees on the Lawrence, Lincoln, Norcross and Quincy School Districts.

Adjournment.

Adjourned, on motion of Dr. Eastman.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 13, 1869.

A Monthly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the chair.

Present. — The whole board, except Messrs. Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Briggs, Child, Clark, Cudworth, Deblois, Eastman, Flynn, Fogg, Foye, Haskins, Jellison, Lewis, L. Lothrop, Mason, Morrill, O'Connell, Page, of Ward 6, Page, of Ward 5, E. D. G. Palmer, Ezra Palmer, Ryan, Sanders, Stearns, Storey, Trull, Tucker, Walsh, Waterston, Winkley, and the President of the Common Council. Members absent.

The President read the acceptance by the Mayor and Aldermen of the proposition of this Board for a convention for the purpose of filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of James E. Marsh, of Ward 13. Convention to fill vacancy.

The Board of Aldermen entered the Common Council Chamber, and the convention was held.

Mr. Putnam, from the committee appointed to nominate a candidate, presented the name of P. O. Edson, and the report was accepted.

Mr. Monroe proposed the name of Mr. Franklin Williams for the vacancy, and advocated his fitness therefor.

The Chair appointed Alderman Baldwin, and Messrs. Putnam and Ricker, a committee to receive, sort and count the ballots, who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 59; necessary for a choice, 30; that P. O. Edson had 39, and Franklin Williams 20, whereby it appeared that Mr. Edson was chosen.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen retired.

Ada F. Gifford was confirmed as a Primary teacher in the Boylston School District. Teachers confirmed.

Ella F. Wright was confirmed as an assistant in the Phillips School.

Teachers on probation nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation:

Brimmer School. — Caroline J. Spalding, assistant, commencing April 6th.

Chapman School District. — Elizabeth E. White, Primary teacher, commencing March 1st.

Dearborn School District. — Kate M. Wallace, Primary teacher, commencing April 1st.

Lincoln School. — Clara S. Nye, assistant, commencing March 22d.

Phillips School. — Adeliza M. Wight, assistant, commencing March 1st.

Prescott School. — Elizabeth R. Drowne, master's head-assistant, commencing April 19th; Mary E. Plummer, Primary teacher, commencing April 1st.

Transfers of Teachers.

The Board confirmed the following transfers of teachers, viz: Miss Ada F. Gifford, a Primary teacher in the Boylston School District, to the place of assistant in the Brimmer School; Miss Julia H. Gray, a Primary teacher in the Comins School District, to be an assistant in the Comins School, — the transfer taking effect March 1st; Martha C. Gerry, a Primary teacher in the Lewis School District, to be an assistant in the Lewis School,— to take effect March 1st; Maria L. Burrill, a Primary teacher in the Dearborn School District, to a Primary school in the Lewis School District, — to take effect April 1st.

School for Deaf Mutes. Report of special committee on.

Mr. King submitted and read the report of the committee appointed, in January, to consider the expediency of establishing a Primary school for deaf mutes.

The committee reported that such a school ought to be established, for the reason that there are deaf mute children in this city, entirely destitute of the means of education, sufficent in number to form a school, and whose friends would joyfully improve the opportunity of sending them to school; and on the ground of economy; — the portion of State aid

to deaf mutes paid by Boston, if applied to the education of her beneficiaries alone, would be for each student more than $400 per annum. With a school in Boston the cost for each scholar would not exceed, probably, $100 per annum. The committee believe that children in such a school as it is proposed to establish would be prepared, from the age of four or five years to the age of nine or ten years, to finish their education in our Grammar Schools. The education acquired by the proposed system, between the ages of four and eight years, would be equal to what would be acquired otherwise between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years.

The committee urge that the school be made a public benefit beyond the limits of Boston, by offering its privileges to children in surrounding cities and towns, for whose tuition a charge might be made of $100 per annum; but which the State would provide for in cases of inability to pay on the part of parents or guardians. Children attending such a school would be supported at their own homes. The committee submitted the following orders, and urged their passage at this meeting:

Orders submitted and adopted.

1. *Ordered,* That a school for deaf mutes be opened under the direction of this Board, at the commencement of the next school year.

2. *Ordered,* That a committee of seven be appointed to be styled The Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes.

3. *Ordered,* That the committee be authorized to engage a teacher on probation, at a salary not exceeding one thousand dollars; the term of service to commence the first of September next.

4. *Ordered,* That there be allowed and paid a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be expended at the discretion of the committee, in preparing a teacher for special work.

5. *Ordered,* That the committee prepare and report rules and regulations for this school, for the consideration of this Board. The orders were all adopted.

The Chair appointed, agreeably to the second order the following as the committee, viz: Messrs. King, Washburn, Parkman, Allen, Packard, Haskins and Winkley.

Report of Committee on Salaries, on orders to pay temporary teachers.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon orders referred to that committee at the last meeting, recommending their passage, as follows:

1. That sixty-three dollars be paid to Miss Harriet E. Lamper, for services as a temporary teacher in a Primary school in the Eliot School District.

2. That thirty-one dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss M. A. J. Frothingham, for services as a temporary teacher in the Training School.

3. That thirty-one dollars and fifty cents be paid to Charlotte T. Ehlin, for services as a temporary teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School.

4. That thirty-six dollars be paid to Alice W. Baker, for services as a temporary teacher in a Primary school in the Lawrence School District. All of the orders were adopted.

"Study at Home." Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, who were instructed, by an order passed in February, to consider and report upon the matter of study at home by scholars, especially in the Grammar Schools; that the committee had considered the matter; that the rule relating to lessons to be studied out of school, embraced in Sect. 7, Chap. XII., had for many years received the sanction of the Board; and they believed it would be difficult to improve it. The proposed change would simply introduce more of detail into the rule, which could be arranged wholly by the District Committees. The Committee reported that any change would be inexpedient. The report was accepted.

Attendance of pupils in Primary schools; Report of special committee on.

Dr. Upham submitted and read the report of the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the attendance of pupils in Primary Schools, with instructions to consider the matter, and report what action, if any, it is expedient for the Board to take in regard to it. To carry into

effect the recommendations of the report, the Committee offered the following orders:

1. *Ordered,* That two Primary schools be discontinued in the Prescott School District, and the then excess of pupils be transferred to the schools of the Chapman District.

2. *Ordered,* That the Primary school in Nassau Hall Building, in the Brimmer School District, be discontinued, and the pupils transferred to other schools in the district.

3. *Ordered,* That thirteen Primary schools be discontinued in the Bowditch, Boylston, Quincy and Winthrop School Districts.

4. *Ordered,* That the chairman of each of the four districts named in the preceding order be added to the present committee on this subject, who shall have full power to designate the particular schools to be discontinued, and to reclassify and arrange the remaining schools and assign them to the several districts. These changes to take effect at the beginning of the next school year.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Ordway, that the report and orders be laid upon the table and printed. Voted to print.

The chair appointed Mr. Edson upon the Committees on the Girls' High and Normal School, the Roxbury High School, and the Lewis, and Washington and Dudley School Districts, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Marsh, of Ward 13; and Mr. Woods, of Ward 8, on the Bowditch, Brimmer, Quincy and Winthrop School District Committees. Vacancies filled in Committees.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Burroughs, That the Committee on the matter of a New Institution of Learning have leave to print a portion of the evidence laid before them, for the information of this Board. Committee on matter of a new Institution of Learning. Authorized to print.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Bundy, That the members of Boylston, Quincy, Brimmer and Rice School District Committees be appointed a committee to consider and report what changes are necessary in the boundaries of the sec- Boundaries of Boylston, Brimmer, Quincy and Rice School Sections:

What changes in necessary? Committee to consider.

tions of those Grammar schools, in view of the approaching disintegration of the Boylston School Section.

Dr. Ordway offered the following:

Increase in salaries of ushers in Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That an increase be made in the salary of the ushers of the Grammar Schools, to correspond with the increase already made in the salaries of the masters and sub-masters. Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

"National Peace Jubilee."

The Chair read a communication from the Executive Committee on the subject of the Jubilee to take place in this city in June next, in commemoration of the restoration of peace throughout our land, asking that the children of the public schools may be permitted to take part in the vocal exercises of the programme for the first day. Referred to the Committee on Music.

Orders to pay temporary teachers referred.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on Salaries:

1. *Ordered,* That the sum of forty-nine dollars be paid to Miss Charlotte T. Ehlin, for twenty-eight days' service as a temporary teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School, from March 10th, to April 13th, both inclusive, at $1.75 per day.

2. *Ordered,* That the sum of thirty-five dollars be paid to Miss M. A. J. Frothingham, for twenty days' service in the Training Department of the Girls' High and Normal School, as a temporary teacher from March 10th to April 3d, inclusive, at $1.75 per day.

3. *Ordered,* That thirty-six dollars be paid to Miss Roxanna May, for twenty-four days' services as a temporary assistant in the Boylston School, from March 2d to March 31st, inclusive.

4. *Ordered,* That there be paid to Lucetta F. Bean the sum of eighteen dollars, for two weeks' services as a temporary teacher in the Monroe Street Primary School, from March 1st to March 13th, inclusive.

Mr. Hunt offered the following:

Ordered, That section 35, of Chapter IX. of the Rules and Regulations, be stricken out, and, in place thereof, be inserted, "At the meeting in February the President shall nominate to the Board for its approval a special committee of fifteen, to consist of one member from each ward, whose duty it shall be to give an annual exhibition of the acquirements of the pupils of the public schools in Music, on the Wednesday preceding the close of the Spring term; to make arrangements for and to take charge of the Annual Festival, to take place on the afternoon of the day assigned for the Exhibition of the Grammar Schools; also, to take charge of all other festivals that may occur during the year; and not less than three members of each of the Committees on Accounts and Music shall serve on this committee."

Amendment of Rules and Regulations proposed. Committee on Musical exhibition, Annual School Festival.

Mr. Underwood moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations; which Mr. Learnard moved to amend by adding, the Committee to report upon the order after this school year. The motion as amended passed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Monroe, That the Committee on Printing be directed to procure the printing of the minutes of the meetings of this Board for the months of January and February, 1869, in similar form to the minutes of the meeting for March, already printed, and to be distributed in like manner.

Minutes of meetings of the School Committee to be printed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, That a committee of five be appointed to appear before the Legislature at the present session, and ask for the passage of the bill there pending, authorizing the issue of arms to the boys of the Latin and High Schools of this city. The Chair appointed the following as that committee, viz: Messrs. Page, of Ward 6, S. K. Lothrop, Monroe, Emery and Slade.

Arms for the boys of the Latin and High Schools; Committee to appear before the Legislature, etc.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hobbs, That the Primary schools in Centre Street be transferred from their present house to the house on Putnam Street.

Transfer of Primary Schools.

Resignation of usher in the Boylston School.

Dr. Bundy presented the resignation of Mr. James E. Parker, as usher in the Boylston School. Accepted.

Proposition to change time of commencing school in the forenoon.

Dr. Bundy submitted an order to provide for a change in the time of commencing school in the morning, in summer, viz: at 9 o'clock, instead of at 8 o'clock. Hereupon, Dr. Ordway submitted the question as to whether there was a quorum present. The Chair directed that the roll be called; and the roll having been called, it appeared that the following named gentlemen were absent, viz: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Beeching, Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Briggs, Child, Clark, Cudworth, Deblois, Eastman, Flynn, Fogg, Foye, Haskins, Ingalls, Jarvis, Jellison, Lamson, Lewis, L. Lothrop, S. K. Lothrop, Mason, Morrill, Nichols, O'Connell, Packard, Page, of Ward 6, Page, of Ward 5, E. D. G. Palmer, Ezra Palmer, Parkman, Ryan, Sanders, Shackford, Stearns, Stevens, Storey, Streeter, Trull, Tucker, Walsh, Washburn, Waterston, Winkley, and the President of the Common Council. Therefore no quorum was present, and the Board on motion, adjourned.

Roll called. No quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

In School Committee,
May 11, 1869.

A Monthly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of May, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

His Honor, the Mayor, President of the Board, being absent, the Secretary called the meeting to order.

On motion of Dr. Ezra Palmer it was voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of a Chairman of the meeting, and the following Committee were appointed to collect the ballots, viz: Messrs. Ezra Palmer, Eastman, and Deblois, who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 43; necessary for a choice, 22; that Mr. W. H. Learnard, Jr., had 41, and Mr. S. G. Bowdlear had 2, whereupon it appeared that Mr. Learnard was chosen. Chairman, *pro tem.*

There were present at the meeting the whole Board except Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Blenkinsop, Clark, Close, Cudworth, Foye, Ingalls, Jarvis, Means, Monroe, Morrill, Packard, Page, of Ward 6, E. D. G. Palmer, Parkman, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Storey, Streeter, Trull, Waterston, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers having served upon probation, were confirmed: Teachers confirmed.

Chapman School. — Orlendo W. Dimick, sub-master, commencing Jan. 1st, 1869.

Dwight School. — Elizabeth J. Kelley, assistant.

Comins School District. — Maria L. Cummings, a Primary teacher, in Phillips Street.

Eliot School District. — Mary A. J. Robinson, a Primary teacher.

Washington and Dudley School District.—Elizabeth F. Todd, a Primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation:

Teachers nominated.

Girls' High and Normal School.—Florence M. Stetson, assistant superintendent in the Training department, commencing April 5th.

Chapman School.—Sarah T. Synett, an assistant, commencing April 26th.

Dearborn School District.—Clara F. Conant, a Primary teacher, commencing May 1st.

Dwight School.—Caroline E. Jones, an assistant, commencing March 1st.

Lawrence School District.—Catharine L. Dwyer, commencing April 1st, and Alice W. Baker, commencing April 26th,—both Primary teachers.

Norcross School District.—Charlotte Jefferds, a Primary teacher, commencing April 27th.

Phillips School.—Esther E. Ball, an assistant, commencing March 1st.

Teachers transferred.

The Board confirmed the transfers of the following teachers, viz: Of Phebe H. Simpson, a Primary teacher in the Dearborn School District, to the place of an assistant in the Dearborn School, to take effect May 1st; and of Mary B. Abbot, an assistant in the Dwight School, to the place of an assistant in the Norcross School, commencing May 3d; said transfer having the consent of the Committee on the Dwight School.

Report Committee on Salaries; temporary services.

Mr. Loring Lothrop reported, from the Committee on Salaries, upon the orders referred to the Committee at the last meeting, recommending their passage:

1. That the sum of forty-nine dollars be paid to Miss Charlotte T. Ehlin, for services in the Girls' High and Normal School.

2. That the sum of thirty-five dollars be paid to Miss M.

A. J. Frothingham, for services in the Training department of the Girls' High and Normal School.

3. That thirty-six dollars be paid to Miss Roxanna May, for services in the Boylston School.

4. That there be paid to Lucetta F. Bean the sum of eighteen dollars, for services in a Primary School in the Lewis School District.

Also, recommending the passage of the following Orders, referred to the Committee at the meeting in March:

1. *Ordered,* That the salary of Larkin Dunton, Master of the Lawrence School, be twenty-six hundred dollars for the year beginning March 11th, 1868.

2. *Ordered,* That the salary of W. L. P. Boardman, Master of the Lewis School, be twenty-six hundred dollars for the year beginning December 1st, 1868.

All of the orders reported were adopted.

Report Committee on Accounts; printed statement of expenditures.

Mr. Simonds, for the Committee on Accounts, reported that, at the close of the financial year — April 30th — it appeared that the appropriations placed by the City Council, at the disposal of this Board were sufficient and a balance was made over, by the Auditor, as required by the City Ordinances. The Committee are satisfied that the present mode of keeping the accounts, of making purchases, and of ordering supplies, through one channel, more than pays for itself, aside from the advantage of having a record of all expenditures for the use of this Board and the City government. They believe it desirable and useful to have a statement of the large expenditures of the Board more in detail than can appear in the Report of the City Auditor, and therefore propose the adoption of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be directed to report in print a statement of the expenditures made under the authority of the School Committee, or charged to the appropriations made to them, for the financial year ending April 30th, 1869.

Accepted, and the order adopted.

Report Committee on School-houses; new Grammar School-House, for the Washington and Dudley School Sections.

Mr. Jellison, from the Committee on School-Houses, to whom was referred, in March, an order, proposing the erection of a Grammar School-house in the Washington and Dudley School District, reported the following order:

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to secure a lot of land between Tremont Street and Shawmut Avenue, in the vicinity of Ruggles Street, and erect thereon a Grammar School-house for the accommodation of the Washington and Dudley, and the relief of the Dwight School sections. Passed.

National Peace Jubilee; Report Committee on Music.

The Committee on Music, to whom was referred the communication from the Executive Committee of the National Peace Jubilee Association, asking that the children of the Public Schools may be allowed to take part in the performances at the Coliseum during the Festival week, in June next, respectfully report, — considering the question in all its bearings; —

That, in their opinion, it is practicable for the Schools to give a choral performance during that week, and in the building specified, under the following conditions and restrictions, viz:

1st. That the number be limited to the pupils of the High, and the 1st and 2nd classes of the Grammar Schools.

2nd. That the selection of the programme and of the conductor of such musical exercises of the Schools be left with the standing committee on Music, acting under the general direction and authority of this Board.

3rd. That, on the day set apart for such performance, the pupils of the Boston schools, shall form a separate and distinct choir by themselves. And, lastly, That such performance be not allowed to take place on the first day of the Festival.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee, on Music.

J. BAXTER UPHAM, *Chairman.*

The Board adopted all the suggestions of the report.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; use of Fire Alarm Telegraph, in dismissing schools on stormy days.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the matter referred to their consideration at the meeting in March, viz, of providing for a uniformity in respect to dismissing the schools on stormy days, by giving a general signal through the Fire Alarm Telegraph. The Committee report that the uniformity which it is proposed to bring about is entirely wanting; and that the privilege of dismissing the schools for the day, after one session, is liable to abuse; that, if the authority in this matter could be placed with parties who would exercise it with great prudence, and only when necessary, a great change for the better would be introduced. They deem that the uniformity desired is attainable. The Committee learn from the Superintendent of Fire Alarms that a signal could be easily given upon the bells, at fifteen minutes before the usual time of closing the morning session, which would be understood at the various school-houses. They are of opinion that in all cases of the suspension of the schools by reason of the weather the morning session should be extended one hour.

The Committee think it best, as the matter is at present experimental, not to recommend at this time any amendment to the rules and regulations with reference to it; and they recommend, simply, the adoption of the following orders:

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to request the Committee on Fire-Alarms, of the City Council, to make an arrangement by which, on stormy days, a general signal may be given upon the Fire-Alarm Bells for one session of the Public Schools.

Ordered, That, in case the foregoing arrangement is made the Committee on Rules and Regulations be empowered to perfect and carry out its details; and that the Public Schools shall have one session on stormy days, only as herewith provided, which session shall be lengthened to four hours' duration.

The report was accepted, and the orders were adopted.

Girls' High and Normal School; course of study and instruction.

Mr. Burroughs, in behalf of the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, submitted the following:

Ordered, That Chap. XV., Sect. 9, be amended, so as to read as follows:

SECT. 9. The course of studies and instruction in this School shall be as follows:

JUNIOR CLASS..

eview of the preparatory studies with special reference to methods of teachings.

Physical Geography; Algebra.

Analysis of language and structure of sentences; Synonymes, and reading.

English Literature, comprising a careful examination of select authors, with exercises in criticism.

Rhetoric, and Exercises in Composition.

Natural Sciences; Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Botany.

Vocal Music; Physical and Vocal Exercises; Drawing.

MIDDLE CLASS.

Geometry.

English Literature, continued.

Exercises in Composition, continued.

French, with instruction by a native French teacher.

Natural Sciences (Physiology and Zoology).

Drawing, Vocal Music, Physical and Vocal Exercises, continued.

SENIOR CLASS.

Trigonometry.

Natural Philosophy.

Astronomy, Geology.

English Literature; French, continued.

Intellectual and Moral Philosophy.

Ancient and Modern History; Penmanship, with special reference to teaching.

Drawing, Vocal Music, Physical and Vocal Exercises, continued.

Instruction in the Theory and Practice of Teaching.

Exercises in Composition, continued.

German, Latin and Book-keeping are elective studies in each class.

Such instruction in Music shall be given to all the pupils as may qualify them to teach Vocal Music in the Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following:

Order to pay for temporary services.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-eight dollars be paid to Miss Charlotte T. Ehlin, for sixteen days' service, from April 14th to May 1st, inclusive, as a temporary teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School, at $1.75 per day.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Order passed.

Mr. L. Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, subsequently reported the order back to the Board, recommending its adoption. The question was taken upon the passage of the order, and it was adopted.

A new Institution of Learning; Report of Committee.

Mr. Burroughs, as Chairman, submitted the Report of the Committee appointed under an order adopted Sept. 8th, 1868, and renewed Feb. 9th, 1869, with reference to establishing a new institution of learning. Mr. Underwood, of said Committee, then read the Report. Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Burroughs, —

Voted, That this Report, with the accompanying orders, be assigned for consideration at the next meeting of this Board, at half past eight o'clock, and that, in the mean time, it be laid upon the table and printed.

Ventilation of School Houses; Report of Committee.

Mr. Bowdlear submitted and read the report of the Committee appointed in February "to confer with the Superintendent of Public Buildings in reference to the ventilation

of the School-houses now in process of erection." The School-houses in process of erection were the Rice and the Shurtleff. In general, the Committee found the various theories quite conflicting, while each plan was defended as being the best. The system of heating and ventilating the Rice School had been agreed upon by the Committee on Public Instruction, and was substantially the same as that in the Norcross and Wells School Houses, the masters of which schools were reasonably satisfied with the system. At the Norcross, the Committee found that the female teachers felt sure of ventilation only when a window or door was open. Some additions to the system in operation in this School-house will be adopted in the Rice, when as good ventilation will have been secured as can be expected without the application of force for the removal of the vitiated air. The Committee think that the subject legitimately belongs to the Committee on School-Houses, and therefore ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

The Report was accepted.

Report Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Child submitted the Report of the Committee on Evening Schools. On motion of Dr. Lothrop, it was voted that the report be printed.

Shurtleff School. Boylston School.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Fogg, That the Shurtleff School shall be a Girls' school, and the Bigelow School a Boys' school; the same to take effect at the commencement of the next school year.

Boundaries of Boylston, Quincy, Brimmer and Rice School Sections.

Dr. Reynolds submitted and read the report of the Special Committee appointed under an order of this Board, passed April 13th, to consider and report what changes are necessary in the boundaries of the sections of the Boylston, Quincy, Brimmer, and Rice Schools, in consequence of the approaching disintegration of the Boylston School section. The report was accepted, and on motion of Dr. Lothrop, laid upon the table and ordered to be printed. The Committee submitted, with their report, the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That a new school section for boys be established, to be bounded as follows: Beginning at the East end of Brookline Street; thence by the centre of Brookline to Washington Street; thence by the centre of Washington Street to the Albany Railroad; thence by the line of the railroad, prolonged from its junction with Albany Street, to the water; thence, by the water, to the point of beginning.

2. *Ordered*, That, in September next, the present Boylston School Section be merged in the Quincy School Section.

3 *Ordered*, That the remaining teachers of the present Boylston School be transferred to the new school, without loss of standing in the list of teachers.

4. *Ordered*, That the Way Street Primary School be transferred to the new District.

5. *Ordered*, That the line of the Albany Railroad continue to divide the Rice and Brimmer School Sections.

6. *Ordered*, That, whenever the foregoing orders shall take effect, Fairfield Street, Columbus Avenue, Warren Avenue, and Brookline Street, separate the Dwight from the Rice and Brimmer School Sections.

7. *Ordered*, That the question of creating a new school section for girls, with the boundaries herein recommended for the new section for boys, be referred to the appropriate committees.

Industrial School; Petition.

Dr. Lothrop presented a petition, numerously signed, asking the Board to devise means for securing to the children of the public schools an early education in some useful branch of industry; and suggesting, for this purpose, that two Industrial Schools be established, — one for boys, and one for girls, — where such pupils as commend themselves by their diligence, and are also desirous of learning a trade, may be received and instructed. Dr. Lothrop moved the reference of the petition to a special committee,

to be appointed by the President of the Board and the Chairman of this meeting, which motion passed; and the following committee were subsequently appointed, viz: Messrs. Flint, S. K. Lothrop, Merrill, of Ward 11, Brown, Connor, Lamson, and Means.

Kindergarten; Petition.

Dr. Lothrop also presented a Petition, signed by Elizabeth P. Peabody, Mrs. Geo. R. Russell, Mrs. A. Hemenway, and eighteen others, citizens of Boston, asking the Board to appoint a time for hearing one of their number make an explanation of the science and art of early education, as exemplified in the kindergartens of Europe, established by F. Froebel and his pupils.

A motion by Dr. Lothrop, to refer the petition to a Special Committee, to be appointed by the President of the Board, and the Chairman of this meeting, passed; and the following Committee were appointed, viz: Messrs. Simonds, Cudworth, Hunt, Bowdlear, Streeter, Ricker, and Fogg.

Orders referred to Com. on Salaries.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on Salaries, — offered by Dr. Bundy:

1. *Ordered,* That $37.50 be paid to Miss Roxana May, for twenty-five days' service as an assistant in the Boylston School in the month of April.

2. *Ordered,* That $49.00 be paid to Mr. J. E. Ridler, for fifteen days' service, as an usher in the Boylston School from April 13th to May 1st.

Dr. Bundy offered the following order:

Morning session of Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be so altered that Chap. IX., Sect. 3d, shall read: The morning sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools shall commence at 9 o'clock and close at 12 o'clock during the school-year. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, offered the following:

Roxbury High School; Diploma plate.

Ordered, That the bill of the American Bank Note Company for furnishing a plate for the Roxbury High School Diploma be paid. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Chair read the resignations as members of this Board, of Linus M. Child, of Ward 6, and Charles W. Storey, of Ward 9, both of which were accepted, and the customary orders were passed, proposing a convention with the Mayor and Aldermen at the next regular meeting of the Board, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling said vacancies; also, on motion of Mr. Hunt, an order requesting the President of the Board to appoint, at his earliest convenience, the Committee to nominate a suitable person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Storey.

Resignations of Mr. Child and Mr. Storey. Convention.

The Chair appointed the following Committee to nominate a suitable person to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Child, viz: Messrs. Upham, S. K. Lothrop, Page, of Ward 6, Lamson and Bent.

The following Committee were appointed to nominate a person in place of Mr. Storey, viz: Messrs. Stedman, Brown, Parkman, Hunt and Flint.

Dr. Upham offered the following:

Ordered, That the Manual of Vocal and Physical Culture, for the use of schools, by Lewis B. Monroe, be added to the Books of Reference in the schools. Mr. Hutchins moved to amend the order so as to provide that a copy of the work be supplied to each school-room, both Grammar and Primary. The order and amendment were then referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Books of reference; L. B. Monroe's Manual of Vocal and Physical Culture.

Dr. Bigelow offered the following:

The Bowditch School District Committee, being convinced that far better instruction will be given, and discipline much more thoroughly maintained, if no Primary School is permitted to have more than thirty scholars, earnestly appeal to the Board to establish that number as the maximum to be allowed in the Primary Schools of this city. Orders of like purport were submitted by Dr. Bundy, Dr. Shattuck and Mr. Brown, respectively, in behalf of the Committees on the Boylston, Quincy and Winthrop, and Brimmer School Dis-

No. of Pupils in a Primary School.

tricts, all of which, with the order offered by Dr. Bigelow, were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Morse offered the following:

Dearborn School District; new Primary School House.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a school-house for the better accommodation of the pupils in the Primary Schools of the Dearborn School District. Referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Mr. Flint offered the following orders:

Rice School-house Yard.

1. *Ordered,* That the City Government be requested to enlarge the yard of the new Rice School House, in process of erecting upon Appleton Street, by taking land adjoining, purchased for a Primary School, and moving back the out-buildings.

Rice School District; new Primary School House.

2. *Ordered,* That the City Government be requested to erect a Primary School House in the Rice School District, upon the lot purchased for the purpose upon Appleton Street. Both orders were referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School-Houses.

Mr. Ricker offered the following order:

Primary School House on Charter Street; estates adjoining.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-Houses be requested to take immediate steps to secure the estates corner of Charter and Unity Streets, adjoining the Primary School House on Charter Street,for the accommodation of said school. Referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following:

Comins School District; new Prima. School.

Ordered, That authority be given to form a new division in the Phillips Street Primary School, Comins School District. Referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Comins School House.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hobbs, That the Comins School House he delivered to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for remodelling, at the end of the present term, and that he be requested to furnish accommodations for the several divisions during the Summer. Also, —

Ordered, That the pupils of the Comins School be excused from taking part in the exercises at the Annual Exhibition.

Mr. Brigham offered the following:

Ordered, That a Standing Committee of seven members be appointed to take charge of the instruction in Drawing and Penmanship in the Public Schools. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on motion of Dr. Shattuck.

Drawing and Penmanship: Standing Com. on.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Connor, That the salary of Juliette Smith, an assistant in the Norcross School, formerly in the Lawrence, be at the rate of six hundred and fifty dollars from the date of her renomination; she having had the experience of seven years' previous service, and having resigned in 1867, on account of her health, now re-established.

Lawrence School; maximum Salary to Juliette Smith.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Brown, That Sec. 12, Chap. XII., of the Rules and Regulations, be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, that it may be altered to conform to the new classification of the schools and with the purpose of the Board to teach Sewing to the pupils in the lowest classes.

Instruction in Sewing.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Simonds, and under a suspension of the Rules, That a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars be appropriated for the expense of the Musical Exhibition, and an equal amount for the Annual School Festival, under the direction of the respective Committees having charge of the same, on bills duly incurred and approved by them, and audited and approved by the Committee on Accounts.

Musical Exhibition; Annual School Festival; Appropriation for.

The Chair read the petition of Rev. Dr. Alexis Alexander, Minister of the congregation Mishcan Israel, requesting the Board to permit the children in his congregation who attend the Public Schools to be absent from school on Saturdays, and on the holy days, whenever they shall occur. Referred, on motion of Dr. Ordway, to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Petition of Rev. Alexis Alexander.

Adjourned.

Attest: BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 8, 1869.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 8th day of June, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair. Quarterly Meeting.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Barry, Blenkinsop, Briggs, Brigham, Fogg, Foye, Haskins, Jarvis, L. Lothrop, O'Connell, E. D. G. Palmer, Putnam, Sanders, Stearns, Trull, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Dr. Green stated that he had been recorded as absent at the meeting of the Board in May, whereas he was present at said meeting. It was accordingly voted that the necessary correction of the records be made. Record amended.

The Chair read the acceptance by the Mayor and Aldermen of the proposition for a convention for the purpose of filling the vacancies in this Board, caused by the resignations of Linus M. Child, of Ward 6, and Charles W. Storey, of Ward 9. The Board of Aldermen entered the Council Chamber, and the convention was held. Convention to fill vacancies.

Dr. Upham, from the committee appointed to nominate a suitable person for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Child, proposed the name of Hall Curtis. The report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Bradlee, and Messrs. Upham and Bent, a Committee to collect the ballots; who, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of ballots to be 66; necessary for a choice, 34; that Hall Curtis had 63, Thomas C. Amory, 1, Abraham Jackson, 2; accordingly Mr. Curtis was declared chosen.

Mr. Stedman, from the Committee to nominate a candidate for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles W. Storey, reported the name of Frederick A. Wilkins. The report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Talbot, and Messrs. Stedman and Hutchins, a Committee to collect the ballots; and the Committee, having attended to their duty, reported that the whole number of votes was 63; necessary for a choice, 32; that Frederick A. Wilkins had 60, Henry I. Cushman, 1, James C. White, 2. Mr. Wilkins was therefore declared elected.

The business of the Convention having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen retired.

Teachers confirmed.

The following teachers, having served the usual probation, were confirmed:

Bowditch School District.—Elizabeth L. Parker, a Primary teacher.

Bowdoin School District.—Sarah F. Russell, a Primary teacher.

Chapman School District.—Elizabeth E. White, a Primary teacher, commencing June 1st.

Dearborn School District.—Ada L. McKean, a Primary teacher.

Dwight School District.— Caroline E. Jones, an assistant.

Franklin School.—Elizabeth I. Maynard, and Mary L. Masters, assistants.

Lawrence School District.—Catharine L. Dwyer, and Alice W. Baker, Primary teachers.

Lincoln School.—Malvina A. Patterson, an assistant.

Lyman School.—Susan J. Adams, an assistant.

Teachers on probation nominated.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation:

Roxbury High School.—Emily Weeks, an assistant, commencing June 1st.

Everett School.— Mary F. Thompson, an assistant, commencing April 1st.

Comins School District.—Isadora Bonney, an assistant, commencing June 1st. Sarah B. Bancroft, commencing May 18th, and Emma S. Marston, commencing June 1st, Primary teachers.

Philips School District.—Elias H. Marston, sub-master, Annie E. Friend, master's head-assistant, Elizabeth W. Nickerson, a Primary teacher; the services, in each case, to commence with the next school year.

Transfer of a teacher.

The Board confirmed the transfer of Mary F. Light, from a Primary school in the Winthrop School District, to the place of an assistant in the Winthrop School.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly Reports of the several High School and District Committees were read and accepted, and also a report of the Committee on Schools for licensed minors, on the condition of those schools.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; course of study in the Girls' High and Normal School.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order submitted at the meeting of the Board in May, comprising a revised specification of the course of study in the Girls' High and Normal School; that the order had received the unanimous sanction of the Committee on that School, and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations heartily recommended its adoption. The report was accepted, and the order was adopted.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; Petition of Rev. Alexis Alexander.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the petition presented at the meeting of the Board in May, of Rev. Alexis Alexander, asking a suspension of the regulations of the schools in favor of children therein, belonging to his congregation, so far as to allow them to be absent from school on certain days.

The Committee reported unfavorably to the granting of the petition, on the ground that the regulations have never recognized exceptions in relation to attendance at school in favor of any class of children; and that while there seems to be no good reason for it now, there are many considerations why the Board should not establish any precedent in this regard which may cause trouble in the future. The Committee therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; Instruction in Sewing.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the matter referred to them at the meeting in May, concerning instruction in sewing. The Committee report that the time has not yet come to make the proposed change, and recommend delay in making the change until there shall be uniformity of classification in the various schools; and, also, that instruction in sewing be given to the same number of divisions as received such instruction under the old classification. Report accepted.

Report Committee on Rules and Regulations; No. of Pupils to a Primary School.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the recommendations of several of the District Committees, submitted at the meeting of the Board in May, as to the maximum number of pupils to be allowed in a primary school. The Committee report that they fully believe that it is inexpedient to make any important change in the regulation making fifty-six the number of pupils to compose a primary school; but recommend that exceptions be allowed only under the sanction of the Board; and, accordingly, propose to amend the Regulations so as to allow such change. The Committee offer for adoption the following order:

Ordered, That Chapter 11, Section 7, be amended by inserting after the word "number" the following: "unless the Board shall otherwise order it, in any particular case." The report was accepted. On motion of Dr. Ordway the Board voted to postpone the consideration of the order till the next meeting.

A New Institution of Learning; Report re-committed.

The Board having, at the last meeting, assigned for this evening the consideration of the report of the special committee on the subject of a new institution of learning, it was voted, on motion of Mr. Burroughs, to re-commit the report.

Mr. Washburn submitted and read the report of the Committee on Salaries upon the petitions which had been referred to that Committee, from teachers of various

grades, asking for an increase in their salaries, and from citizens, in behalf of an increase in the salaries of female teachers. The Committee recommended the adoption of the following orders:

Report Committee on Salaries; Salaries of Instructors.

Ordered, That the salaries of Ushers in the Grammar Schools be $1,500 for the first year, and $1,700 thereafter; that the salary of the masters' assistants be $1,000; that the salary of one head assistant in each of the girls' and mixed schools be $900; of other head-assistants in charge of permanent classes $800; and of other assistants in the Grammar Schools and teachers in the Primary Schools $600 for the first year, and $700 thereafter, each, severally, per annum.

The Committee also recommended the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the salary of the head-masters of the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools be $3,500; and the salary of the masters of the Grammar Schools be $2,600, each, severally, for the first year's service.

Ordered, That the salary of Julius Eichberg, teacher of music, be $1,200; that the salary of Miss Baker, principal of the Dudley School, be $1,700; and that the salary of the teacher of French in the Roxbury High School be $500, each, severally, per annum.

Ordered, That Section 18, Chap. 9, be amended, so that substitutes for masters' assistants shall receive $1.75 a day, instead of $1.50 a day; and that females serving as temporary teachers in place of male teachers shall receive $2.00 a day, instead of $1.75 a day, each, for their services.

Ordered, That the foregoing orders with reference to salaries take effect at the commencement of the next school year.

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers in the Latin, English High, the Girls' High and Normal, and the Grammar schools, not otherwise provided for, be the same for the ensuing year as heretofore.

The Report was accepted.

To the foregoing report the following amendments were offered:

1. By Mr. Learnard: That the salary of the head-assistants in the masters' rooms in the Grammar Schools shall be $900 per annum; of all other head-assistants in those schools, $800 per annum.

2. By Mr. Bent: That the maximum salary of assistants in the Grammar Schools, and of Primary teachers, be $800 per annum.

3. By Mr. Holbrook: That the salaries for the ensuing year be the same as for the present year.

4. By Mr. Parkman: That the salary of Miss Baker, principal of the Dudley School, be $2,000 per annum.

5. By Mr. Burroughs: That the salaries of the assistants in the Girls' High and Normal School, and the assistant superintendent of the training department, be $1,200 per annum.

6. By Dr. Ezra Palmer: That the salaries of the head-assistants in the Girls' High and Normal School, and the superintendent of the training department, be the same as the salary of Miss Baker, principal of the Dudley School.

7. By Dr. Ordway: That the salary of Miss Baker, principal of the Dudley School, be the same as the salary of a master of a Grammar School.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Monroe, to lay the Report and the orders upon the table, and that they be printed.

It was also voted to print the various amendments offered.

Report Committee on Salaries; temporary services of teachers.

Mr. Washburn also reported, from the Committee on Salaries, the orders referred to the Committee at the last meeting. 1. To pay Roxanna May the sum of $37.50. 2. To pay J. E. Ridler the sum of $49; both for services in the Boylston school. The orders were adopted.

Mr. Simonds, from the Committee on Accounts, to whom

was referred, with full powers, at the last meeting, an order to provide that Monroe's Manual of Vocal and Physical Culture be added to the list of books of reference in the schools, and a copy supplied to each school-room, reported that the Committee had considered the subject, and had contracted for a sufficient number of copies, to be immediately furnished, to meet the requirements of the order. Accepted.

Report Committee on Accounts; Monroe's Manual.

Mr. Simonds read the report of the Committee on Accounts upon the order referred to them at the last meeting, that the bill of the American Bank Note Company, for plate of the Roxbury High School Diploma, be paid. The Committee report that the bill is for the sum of $500; that by the rules of the Board, the Committee on Accounts have exclusive authority to purchase all diplomas, etc. In July, 1868, an order was passed that the Committee on the Roxbury High School be authorized to award a suitable diploma to every pupil who shall honorably complete the course of instruction in said school. The Committee on Accounts, not finding any authority in the order for contracting the bill, had no right to approve it; hence the introduction of the order into the Board for its payment.

Report Committee on Accounts; Bill of American Bank Note Company.

The Committee say, "In justice to the Committee on the Roxbury High School it should be stated that they considered that the vote passed in July, 1868, gave them authority to order a plate, and, also, that they had no expectation that the expense would be more than from fifty to one hundred dollars."

The Committee, while they consider that the action of the Committee who ordered the plate was hasty, and not justified by any action of the Board, yet, as there appears to have been a misunderstanding on their part, do, upon the whole, recommend the passage of the order, with an amendment. At the same time they must enter their protest against this case being used as a precedent, and against the

contracting of bills by any authority not granted specially by this Board, or under its plain rules. It should be stated that, in such cases, the person contracting the expense is, in the opinion of the City Solicitor, *personally liable*, and not the City of Boston. The Committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the bill of the "American Bank Note Company," for the plate of the Roxbury High School Diploma, be paid, subject to any proper deduction. Accepted, and the order passed.

Annual Report of Committee on Text Books.

Dr. Lothrop submitted and read the annual report of the Committee on Text-Books; recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That Anderson's Grammar School History be used as a text-book in the second classes of the Grammar Schools, in the place of Swan's First Lessons. The report was accepted. The order lays over until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Slade it was

Boston School Regiment.

Ordered, That, in consideration that the State has furnished the guns asked for by the city for the use of the Boston School Regiment, the Committee on Accounts be authorized to dispose of the old guns belonging to the city, and that the proceeds be appropriated for remodeling some of the guns, and for any other necessary equipments of the Regiment.

Resolutions on the death of Calvin G. Page.

Dr. Reynolds submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board has received with deep regret the announcement of the death of its honored member, Dr. Calvin G. Page.

Resolved, That Dr. Page's long connection with this Committee, his faithful discharge not only of the labors always inseparable from such a trust, but of the many additional responsibilities with which this Board has from time to time charged him, had won for him our warm regard and esteem.

Resolved, That the Board directs these resolves to be entered upon its Records, in testimony of its sincere respect for its late associate.

The resolves were unanimously adopted. On motion of Dr. Eastman it was also voted that a copy of the resolves be sent to the family of Dr. Page.

Ordered, That the customary annual exhibition of the Latin School be dispensed with for this year.

Latin School Exhibition dispensed with.

The following orders were referred to the Committee on Salaries:

1. *Ordered,* That the sum of $171 be paid to Miss Anna O. Jones for services as a temporary teacher in the Quincy School District, from January 4th to May 22d, 1869.

Temporary services of Teachers.

2. *Ordered,* That the sum of $42 be paid to Miss Christiana F. Mason, for twenty-four days' service as a temporary assistant in the Girls' High and Normal School, from May 3d to June 8th, both inclusive, at $1.75 per day.

3. *Ordered,* That the sum of $30 be paid to Miss Roxana May for twenty days' service as a temporary assistant in the Boylston School in the month of May, 1869.

4. *Ordered,* That the sum of $60 be paid to Mr. J. E. Ridler for twenty days' service as a temporary usher in the Boylston School in the month of May, 1869.

Mr. Parkman offered the following:

Ordered, That the Manual published by Mr. Urbino, and intended to accompany Urbino's Natural History Charts, be introduced into the schools in which the charts are used. Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Manual of Urbino's Charts of Nat. Hist.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Bent, That the expenses of the Evening Schools for the next school year be charged to the appropriation for Grammar Schools, and expended by the Committee on Evening Schools, under the authority of the Committee on Accounts.

Evening Schools.

Free passage over the ferries for pupils in E. Boston.

The Chair read a communication from the City Council, being an order to authorize the School Committee to furnish tickets for a free passage over the East Boston Ferries, to such of the pupils from Ward One attending the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools as may require them; the expense to be charged to the appropriation heretofore made for Grammar Schools, School Committee. Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Washburn, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts provide ferry tickets for the use of the scholars in the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools, residing in East Boston, in conformity with an order thereto of the City Government.

Election of a Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Hunt, amended by Dr. Ordway, the Board voted to go into secret session, and proceed to elect a Superintendent of schools.

The Chair appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Ordway, Cudworth and Hunt, to receive, sort and count the ballots, who subsequently reported that the whole number of ballots was 55; necessary for a choice, 28. John D. Philbrick had 44, and there were 11 scattering. Mr. Philbrick was accordingly declared elected. The salary of the Superintendent was fixed at $4000 for the ensuing year.

Election of Instructors.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Ordway, to proceed to the annual election of Instructors of the Public Schools. The several committees then nominated the candidates respectively for the places of head-masters of the High, and masters of the Grammar Schools. The Chair appointed the same Committee to receive, sort, and count the votes; who, having attended to that duty, reported the number of votes cast for each of the several candidates; whereupon, it appeared that the following were elected to the places named for the ensuing year:

Latin School, Francis Gardner; *English High School*,

Thomas Sherwin; *Girls' High and Normal School,* Ephraim Hunt; *Roxbury High School,* Samuel M. Weston; *Adams School,* Robert C. Metcalf; *Bigelow School,* Thomas H. Barnes; *Bowditch School,* Alfred Hewins; *Bowdoin School,* Daniel C. Brown; *Boylston School,* John Jameson; *Brimmer School,* Joshua Bates; *Chapman School,* George R. Marble; *Comins School,* Daniel W. Jones; *Dearborn School,* Wm. H. Long; *Dudley School,* (Principal) Sarah J. Baker; *Dwight School,* James A. Page; *Eliot School,* Samuel W. Mason; *Everett School,* George B. Hyde; *Franklin School,* Granville B. Putnam; *Hancock School,* McLaurin F. Cooke; *Lawrence School,* Larkin Dunton; *Lewis School,* Wm. L. P. Boardman; *Lincoln School,* C. Goodwin Clarke; *Lyman School,* Hosea H. Lincoln; *Mayhew School,* Samuel Swan; *Norcross School,* Josiah A. Stearns; *Phillips School,* James Hovey; *Prescott School,* James F. Blackinton; *Quincy School,* Charles E. Valentine; *Rice School,* Lucius A. Wheelock; *Shurtleff School,* Henry C. Hardon; *Washington School,* Leverett M. Chase; *Wells School,* Reuben Swan; *Winthrop School,* Robert Swan.

Upon nomination of the Committees on the several High Schools and the Grammar School districts, the Board then elected the subordinate teachers in those schools, and the teachers of the Primary Schools; and, in like manner, the teachers of the schools for minors licensed, the teachers of Music, and of Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, and Drawing.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Lothrop, that Mr. James Robinson be appointed an assistant teacher for the coming school-year, beginning in September next, to perform such services, and give such instruction in arithmetic and book-keeping in either of our schools, as he may be called upon to perform by the Superintendent or the Chairman of any of our district committees; his salary to be the same as for the present year. James Robinson.

Comins School District Primary School accommodations.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Government be requested to furnish further accommodations for the Primary Schools on Heath Street. Referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Resignation of Edwin Briggs.

The Chair read the resignation of Mr Briggs, of Ward 12, as a member of this Board; and the Board accepted the resignation. Thereupon, Mr. Simonds offered the following:

Convention.

Whereas, Vacancies exist in this Board, in consequence of the death of Calvin G. Page, of Ward 6, and the resignation of Edwin Briggs, of Ward 12.

Ordered, That notice of the said vacancies be given to the Board of Aldermen, proposing to them a convention of the two Boards, to be held on Tuesday evening, July 13th, next, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of filling said vacancies, and that the required notice be given, according to law.

Books of Reference.

Dr. Green offered the following:

Ordered, That no book of reference belonging to any public school shall be kept out of the building during school hours. Referred to Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Vacancies filled in Committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Curtis, elected to the place of Mr. Child, resigned, on the Committees on Elections, Evening Schools and the Bowdoin School District; and Mr. Wilkins, elected to the place of Mr. Storey, resigned, on the Girls' High and Normal School, and the Brimmer, Quincy and Winthrop School District Committees.

Committees to nominate candidates.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Burroughs, L. Lothrop, Upham, Lamson and Slade a Committee to nominate a candidate in place of Calvin G. Page, of Ward 6, deceased; and Messrs. Lewis, Fogg, Underwood, Conner, and Riley, a Committee to nominate a candidate in place of Edwin Briggs, of Ward 12, resigned.

Annual Examinations for promotion.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, that the annual examinations for promotion from the Primary Schools, and from one class to another in the Grammar Schools, be held previous to the First of July.

On motion of Mr. Learnard it was voted to reconsider the vote whereby the teachers of the Shurtleff School District were elected for the ensuing year. It was then, on motion of Mr. Simonds, *Voted*, That Miss Emeline L. Tolman be an assistant in the Shurtleff School, and all of the other teachers in the District be as at first elected.

Voted to adjourn for one fortnight.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 22, 1869.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, was held, agreeably to adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the 22d day of June, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Present.—The whole Board, except Messrs. Barry, Beeching, Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Brigham, Burroughs, Clark, Close, Cudworth, Edson, Fogg, Haskins, Ingalls, L. Lothrop, Mason, Means, Monroe, Morrill, E. D. G. Palmer, Rust, Ryan, Slade, Stearns, Stevens, Trull, Tucker, Underwood, Walsh, Winkley, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed: Teachers confirmed, etc.

Lincoln School.—Malvenia A. Patterson, assistant.

Phillips School.—Adeliza M. Wight, assistant.

Lincoln School.—Harriet E. Marcy was nominated as an assistant, on probation.

The report of the Committee on Salaries, made at the last meeting, and laid upon the table and printed, was taken up and considered. Salaries of Instructors.

The amendments being first in order, the question was taken upon the first amendment to the report, offered by Mr. Learnard, to wit., that the salary of the head-assistants in the masters' rooms in the Grammar Schools be $900 per annum; and of all other head-assistants in those schools, $800 per annum; which was adopted.

The second amendment offered was by Mr. Bent: that the maximum salary of assistants in the Grammar Schools, and of Primary teachers, be $800 per annum.

Mr. Bent submitted a substitute for his amendment: to wit., that the maximum salary of those teachers be $750 per annum, instead of $800; and the question being upon adopting the substituted amendment, Mr. Connor moved,

and it was voted to take the yeas and nays thereon; and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows, viz:

Yeas: Messrs. Badger, Bent, Bigelow, Bundy, Flint, Flynn, Hunt, Huse, Jellison, King, Kneeland, Lamson, Lewis, Morse, Nichols, Ordway, Packard, Page, Parkman, Reynolds, Ricker, Shackford, Shattuck, Stedman, Streeter, Waterston, Wilkins and Woods; — 28.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Adams, of Ward 12, Allen, Brown, Connor, Curtis, Deblois, Dillaway, Eastman, Emery, Green, Hobbs, Holbrook, Hutchins, Jarvis, Learnard, S. K. Lothrop, Merrill, of Ward 11, Merrill, of Ward 14, O'Connel, Ezra Palmer, Pelletier, Putnam, Riley, Sanders, Simonds, Upham, Waldock, Washburn and Wilson; — 30. Therefore the amendment was not adopted; twenty-eight gentlemen having voted yea, and thirty gentlemen having voted nay.

The question was taken upon the amendment offered by Mr. Holbrook: to wit, that the salaries of the teachers be the same for the ensuing year as for the present; and upon the amendment offered by Mr. Parkman: that the salary of Miss Baker, principal of the Dudley School, be $2,000 per annum; both of which were rejected.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Burroughs, that the salaries of the assistants in the Girls' High and Normal School, and the assistant superintendent of the Training department, be $1,200 per annum, was amended, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, to include the assistants in the Roxbury High School. The question was then taken on the amendment, and it was rejected. The two remaining amendments were withdrawn by the movers.

The question was then upon adopting the orders reported by the Committee, as amended by the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Learnard.

Mr. Hobbs offered a substitute for the orders offered by the Committee, to provide that the assistants and Primary

teachers shall receive an addition to their present salaries of fifty dollars per annum. Mr. Hutchins moved to amend the proposed substitute, so as to add to the salaries of the ushers the sum of two hundred dollars. Not adopted. It was then on motion, voted, to take the yeas and nays upon the substitute offered by Mr. Hobbs, and the yeas and nays were taken, as follows, viz:

Yeas: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Curtis, Emery, Green, Hobbs, Holbrook, Hunt, Huse, Jarvis, Jellison, King, Lamson, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, O'Connel, Ordway, Packard, Page, Ezra Palmer, Reynolds, Riley, Sanders, Shattuck, Simonds, Stedman, Streeter, Waldock, Wilkins, Wilson, and Woods; — 30.

Nays: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, Badger, Bent, Bigelow, Brown, Bundy, Connor, Deblois, Dillaway, Eastman, Flint, Flynn, Hutchins, Kneeland, Learnard, Lewis, S. K. Lothrop, Morse, Parkman, Pelletier, Putnam, Ricker, Shackford, Upham, Washburn, and Waterston; — 27. So the substitute was adopted; thirty gentlemen having voted yea, and twenty-seven gentlemen having voted nay. The question then being upon the orders submitted by the Committee, as amended by the adoption of Mr. Hobbs's substitute, Dr. Lothrop moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby Mr. Hobbs's substitute was adopted, and the motion prevailed. The question then recurred upon adopting Mr. Hobbs's substitute. Whereupon Mr. Moody Merrill moved to substitute the report of the Committee, as amended by Mr. Learnard's amendment, and the motion passed. The orders of the report were then taken up, and they were severally unanimously adopted; the last but one of the orders being first amended, on motion of Mr. Learnard, so as to read "school-year."

Cushing's Manual.

Dr. Ordway moved that a copy of Cushing's Manual be furnished to each member of this Board. Mr. Bent moved that it be of the latest edition. *Voted*, to refer the matter to the Committee on Accounts.

Drawing: Assistant Teacher appointed.

The Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, Drawing, and Military Drill, having fully considered the subject contained in the following order, respectfully and unanimously report and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

E. PALMER.

Voted, That the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, Drawing, and Military Drill be authorized to appoint an assistant to the teacher in Drawing, at a salary not exceeding two thousand dollars; term of service commencing with the next school year. Passed.

Shurtleff School: Additional head-assistant.

Ordered, That the Shurtleff School District Committee be allowed to appoint an additional head-assistant, in view of the fact that there are six rooms on each of the lower floors. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on motion of Mr. Simonds.

Petition of working women.

The Chair read a petition, signed by working women of this city, for aid in favor of the industrial school started by Dr. L. S. Batchelder, the object of which is to fit women for the business of life, by instructing them in printing, telegraphing, cutting and making garments, etc. etc. On motion of Dr. Lamson, referred to the special committee having in charge the subject of Industrial Schools.

Dr. Reynolds submitted the three following orders, and they were all adopted:

New institution of learning.

1. *Ordered,* That the Committee on a new institution of learning be instructed to present to this Board, in print, the remainder of the report of which they have given notice, on or before the thirty-first day of July; and that the report of this Committee be made the special order for half past eight o'clock, at the September meeting of this Board.

2. *Ordered,* That the Committee carefully examine the High-school teaching of boys in Boston; that they be instructed to compare it with that given in other cities, and

especially with the plan of the higher schools in the leading cities of France, Switzerland and Germany.

3. *Ordered,* That this Committee be hereafter known as the Committee on the High School Education of boys in Boston.

The Chair appointed Mr. Adams, of Ward 12, on the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, in place of Mr. Briggs, resigned. Girls' High and Normal School.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 13, 1869.

A Monthly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of July, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President of the Board in the Chair.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Barry, Bent, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Clark, Curtis, Edson, Foye, Hunt, Ingalls, Jarvis, L. Lothrop, Means, Nichols, E. D. G. Palmer, Parkman, Ryan, Sanders, Stearns, Streeter, Trull, Tucker, Underwood, Upham, Waterston, Wilkins, Wilson, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the acceptance by the Mayor and Aldermen of the proposition of this Board for a convention, this evening, for the purpose of filling the vacancies in the School Committee, caused by the death of Calvin G. Page, and the resignation of Edwin Briggs. The communication was placed on file.

The following teachers, having served the required term of probation, were nominated for confirmation, and were confirmed. Teachers confirmed.

Bigelow School. — Mary L. Luf kin, an assistant.

Dearborn School District.—Kate M. Wallace, a Primary teacher.

Prescott School District.— Elizabeth R. Drowne, head-assistant in the master's room; Lucy E. David, an assistant; and Mary E. Plummer, a Primary teacher.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: Teachers nominated.

Bigelow School. —Leander P. Waterman, usher, to commence September 1st.

Dwight School.—Margaret J. Kelley, an assistant; services dating from May 3d.

Comins School District: Teachers.

Mr. Hobbs nominated for re-election, in the Comins School District, Mrs. Sophronia F. Norton, head-assistant in the master's room; Carrie K. Nickerson, an assistant, and Sarah E. Haskins, a Primary teacher. Discussion arising in regard to electing Mrs. Norton, Dr. Eastman moved and it was voted to divide the question. The Board then elected Miss Nickerson and Miss Haskins, and refused to elect Mrs. Norton.

Convention to fill vacancies.

Agreeably to assignment, at the hour of eight o'clock the Board of Aldermen entered the Common Council Chamber, and the Convention was held, for filling the vacancies in this Board.

Dr. Lamson, from the Committee appointed to nominate a candidate for the place of Calvin G. Page, reported the name of Thomas C. Amory; and the report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Bradlee, and Messrs. Haskins and Dillaway, a Committee to receive, sort and count the ballots; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 56; necessary for a choice, 29; that J. F. Bradlee had 3, L. R. Cutter, 1, and Thomas C. Amory, 52. Accordingly Mr. Amory was declared chosen.

Thos. C. Amory chosen.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee appointed to nominate a candidate for the place of Edwin Briggs, reported the name of Choate Burnham. Accepted.

The Chair appointed the former Committee to collect the ballots; and they, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 52; necessary for a choice, 27; that Josiah Dunham had 2, and Choate Burnham, 50. Mr. Burnham was declared elected.

Choate Burnham chosen.

The business of the Convention having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen withdrew.

Mr. Washburn, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon the orders referred to them, June 8th, to pay temporary teachers for their services, viz: Miss Anna O. Jones, the sum of $171, for services in the Quincy School District; Christiana F. Mason, $42, for services in the Girls' High and Normal School; Roxanna May, $30, for services in the Boylston School; and Mr. J. E. Ridler, $60, for services as usher in the Boylston School; all of which orders were adopted, — the order to pay Miss Jones having first been amended to read $168, instead of $171. Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Washburn, the Board reconsidered the vote whereby the order to pay Miss Jones was adopted. The order was then recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

Report Committee on Salaries: temporary services of teachers.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Washburn, That the sum of $3,500 be paid to Ephraim Hunt, for his services as principal of the Girls' High and Normal School for the current year.

Girls' High and Normal School: salary of head-master.

Mr. Simonds, from the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, at the last meeting, an order that a copy of Cushing's Manual be furnished to each member of the Board, reported that, in the judgment of the Committee, it is inexpedient; and they recommend that no further action be had in the matter. Accepted.

Cushing's Manual.

Mr. Simonds also reported that the attention of the Committee on Accounts had been called to the subject of the attendance of pupils at the High Schools who are not residents of the city; that an expense of at least upwards of $7,000 had been incurred for the instruction of such pupils in the Latin, English High, and Girls' High and Normal Schools, without any moneyed return for it; and that such instruction had required the employment of two male teachers more than would otherwise have been necessary.

Non-resident pupils.

The Committee recommended that effective means be taken to collect the expense of instruction of all non-resident pupils who are not relieved from the liability of payment therefor by the Committee on the school where they attend. Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Riley, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools report to this Board the names of those pupils in the public schools whose parents or guardians do not reside in Boston, together with the average cost per scholar in each school where such pupils are; and whether any sums of money have been received for tuition, and by whom.

Report of Committee on Text-Books: Anderson's History.

The report of the Committee on Text-Books was taken up, on motion of Dr. Lothrop; and, the question being upon the passage of the order submitted by the Committee, viz, "That Anderson's Grammar School History be used as a text-book in the second classes of the Grammar Schools, in the place of Swan's First Lessons," said order was adopted. Subsequently, Dr. Bundy moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said order was adopted. Mr. Rust moved that the motion to reconsider lie upon the table, which motion passed.

Report of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Jellison, from the Committee on School-Houses, reported upon various matters which had been referred to that Committee, and submitted the following orders, recommending their adoption:

Lincoln School District: new Primary school house.

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land in the vicinity of Sixth and K Streets,—Lincoln School District,— and erect thereon a Primary School House.

Dearborn School District: New Primary School house.

2. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to erect a School-house in the vicinity of Yeoman Street and the Dearborn School House, for the better accommodation of the Primary Schools of the Dearborn School District.

Fire Extinguishers for the school-houses.

3. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to take additional steps for the security of life and property in the Public Schools, by the introduction of Fire Extinguishers into the buildings, so far as may be practicable.

All of the orders were adopted.

Report of Committee

Voted, on motion of Mr. Learnard, to take up the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, in reference to

the number of pupils to a Primary school, made June 8th. The question was upon adopting the order offered by the Committee, "That Chap. XI., Sect. 7, be amended by inserting, after the word number, the following: unless the Board shall otherwise order it in any particular case."

on Rules and Regulations: number of pupils to a Primary school.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following as a substitute for the order of the Committee, viz: "In Chap. XI., Sect. 7, to substitute the word *forty*, for 'fifty-six;' and in Sect. 2, of the same chapter, to substitute the word *fifty*, for 'sixty.'" The question was taken on the motion to substitute, and it was not adopted.

The question recurring upon the order of the Committee, Dr. Reynolds offered the following amendment to Chap. XI., as a substitute for said order, to wit: "to substitute in Sect. 2 the word *fifty* for the word 'sixty,' and in Sect. 7, of the same chapter, to substitute *forty-nine* for 'fifty-six.'" The question was taken on this substitute, and it was adopted. The question then was upon adopting the same as an amendment to Chap. XI. Mr. Simonds moved, and it was voted, to substitute fifty-four, for fifty, in the amendment to Sect. 2, and the motion passed. Mr. Kneeland moved to adopt the amendment to Chap. XI., Sect. 7, proposed by the Committee on Rules and Reguulations, to wit: "unless the Board shall otherwise order it in any particular case" — to be inserted after the word "number"; the motion passed. The substitute was then adopted as an amendment to Chap. XI.

Report of Committee on Industrial Schools.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee to whom was referred (May 11th) the petition asking this Board to establish industrial schools, and also the petition (read June 22d) for aid in favor of the industrial school started by Mrs. L. S. Batchelder, submitted and read a preliminary report. The Committee find that an industrial school for girls has been undertaken and carried on by private munificence for two years; that the apparent results seem to warrant this Board in undertaking to conduct an experiment on a similar plan, for six months or during the remainder of the

current political year; that such an experiment would probably do more to show the practicability of such schools, and furnish materials for an intelligent examination and report upon the subject, at a reasonable expense, than anything else. The work thus far undertaken by this school has consisted chiefly in teaching the use of the needle, in cutting, fitting and mending garments, netting, crochetting, and the use of the sewing machine.

It is desirable that the art of telegraphing, and printing, or setting types, be added to the programme, which might be done, by way of experiment, without much cost. To carry out what they propose, the Committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Industrial Schools be authorized to take under their charge and direction, on behalf of this Board, the Industrial School for Women and Girls established by Mrs. L. S. Batchelder, now located in Staniford Street; and that, to meet the expenses of teaching, the cost of materials, etc., a sum not exceeding thousand dollars be placed at their disposal, to be appropriated and paid out of the general appropriation for schools.

Voted, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, to fill the blank in said order by inserting the word *three* before "thousand."

Voted, on motion of Mr. Bowdlear, to suspend the rules so far as they require a reference of the order to the Committee on Accounts. The question was then taken on the passage of the order, and it was adopted.

Boundaries of the Shurtleff, Lincoln, Bigelow, and Norcross school sections.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Fogg, That the Shurtleff, Lincoln, Bigelow and Norcross School District Committees be authorized to fix the boundaries of those school sections, subject to the approval of this Board at the regular meeting in September next.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on Salaries:

Orders for paying

1st and 2d. By Dr. Bundy, That the sum of $93 be paid to Mr. C. E. Ridler, for thirty-one days' service in June and

July, as a temporary usher in the Boylston School; and that the sum of $46 be paid to Miss Roxanna May, for thirty-one days' service in June and July, as a temporary assistant in the Boylston School. temporary teachers.

3d. By Mr. Burroughs, That the sum of $47.50 be paid to Miss Christiana F. Mason, for twenty-six days' service as a temporary teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School, from June 9th, to July 13th, both inclusive, at $1.75 per day.

Mr. Monroe offered the following order, and moved that the rules be suspended for its passage at this time. The rules were suspended, and the order was then adopted: Lewis School section: land for Primary School purposes.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase a lot of land adjoining the Lewis School House, for Primary School purposes in that section of the city.

Dr. Lamson offered the following:

Whereas, The members of this Board have received with deep sorrow the intelligence of the death of Dr. E. D. G. Palmer, of Ward 4, and, by this dispensation of Providence, have lost a most valued and esteemed associate: Death of Edward D. G. Palmer: resolutions adopted.

Resolved, That, in the death of our lamented friend and co-laborer, we mourn the loss of one endowed with those higher qualities which confer usefulness, honor and influence in professional and public relations, and which attract personal affection, confidence and respect.

Resolved, That it is our privilege to bear testimony to his knowledge, integrity, and sagacity, as well as to his dignity, kindly sympathy, and genial courtesy, and, also, to the rare fidelity which he gave to his various duties.

Resolved, That, in mourning the loss of one so respected and beloved, it is also our privilege, as our duty, to convey to the family of our deceased friend the expressions of our deep and heartfelt sympathy.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Winkley, That, when the question is taken, the members rise, and stand in their places. The question was then taken upon adopting the resolutions, and they were unanimously adopted. It was also voted, on

motion of Mr. King, that a copy of the resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

Petition: vacation of the English High School.

Dr. Lothrop presented a petition of pupils of the English High School, asking to have the vacation of that school begin on the 17th of July, instead of on the 24th, as provided for in the regulations, and moved that that school be closed for the vacation on the 17th. For the passage of his motion Dr. Lothrop moved that the Rules and Regulations be suspended, — which motion prevailed. Dr. Ordway then moved an amendment to Dr. Lothrop's motion to provide for its application to all of the schools. Mr. Learnard moved an amendment, to allow the public exhibitions of the Grammar Schools to be held on the 19th and 20th of the month, and to provide that the Annual Festival be held on the 20th, instead of on the 27th. Dr. Palmer moved that the Grammar Schools be allowed to hold their exhibitions on the 15th, 16th and 17th of the month, as well as on the days already indicated; and that the Primary Schools close on the 17th. The original motion and the several amendments were adopted; whereby it was provided that the vacation of the English High School and of the Primary Schools commence on the 17th; that the Grammar Schools be allowed to hold their exhibitions on the several days specified, commencing with the 15th; and that the Festival be heldon the afternoon of the 20th.

Vacancies in Committees filled.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies in Committees, viz: Mr. Woods, of Ward 8, on the Committee on School-Houses, in place of Mr. Briggs, resigned; Mr. Burnham, of Ward 12, elected a member of the Board in place of Mr. Briggs, on the Committees on the Bigelow, Lawrence, Lincoln, Norcross and Shurtleff School Districts; Mr. Amory, of Ward 6, elected in place of Calvin G. Page, deceased, on the Committees on Rules and Regulations, the Latin School, and the Phillips School District.

The meeting then adjourned.

Attest,

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Aug. 30, 1869.

A Special Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the thirtieth day of August, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., by order of the President of the Board, to hear the report of the Committee on the subject of filling the vacancy in the place of head-master of the English High School, caused by the death of Thomas Sherwin. The President in the chair.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Bigelow, Blenkinsop, Burroughs, Cudworth, Deblois, Emery, Flynn, Hobbs, Holbrook, Hunt, Ingalls, Jarvis, Lewis, Loring Lothrop, Mason, Merrill, of Ward 14, Merrill, of Ward 11, O'Connell, Parkman, Sanders, Stedman, Trull, Upham, Walsh, Waterston, Wilkins, Winkley, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Death of Thomas Sherwin; resolutions adopted.

Dr. Lothrop, after a brief but tender and appropriate eulogy upon the life and character of Mr. Thomas Sherwin, late head-master of the English High School, submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

It having pleased Almighty God to remove, by sudden death, THOMAS SHERWIN, for many years principal and head-master of the English High School, the Committee on that School feel it due to his memory and to the emotions of their own hearts, and as an expression of their appreciation of his character and services, and of his great loss to the interests of education, to submit to the School Committee the following resolutions, and ask their adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Sherwin, in the full vigor and maturity of his powers, and of his most active and beneficent usefulness as a teacher, at a time when, uniting the wisdom and experience of age with

the ardor and enthusiasm of youth, he seemed best fitted to do great good, — to inform the minds, enlarge the hearts and mould to a noble, moral manliness, the characters of the youth under his instruction and influence, — is a great public bereavement and loss.

2. *Resolved,* That the character and services of Mr. Sherwin, his simplicity, purity, integrity, and conscientiousness as a man, his wisdom, fidelity, devotedness, and enthusiasm as a teacher, the immeasurable influence for good which he has exerted upon many hundreds of young men who have passed under his instruction and care, entitle him to rank as a public benefactor, and claim for his memory the high respect and gratitude of this community.

3. *Resolved,* That while we bow in profound submission to this appointment of Providence, and express our sincere sympathy with his bereaved family, we rejoice that all, — relatives, kindred and friends, — may find rich consolation in the memory of a character so pure, a life so noble in its aims, and wide and lasting in its usefulness, and gather admonition and incentive from a death so sudden yet so thoroughly prepared for.

4. *Resolved,* That these resolutions be published, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

Mr. Allen Putnam seconded the Resolutions, with a few earnest words expressive of his appreciation of the character and services of his friend and classmate.

The resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

English High School: head-mastership.

Dr. Lothrop, as Chairman of the Committee constituted by the Rules of the Board the Committee for the examination of candidates for the place of head-master in the English High School, made vacant by the death of Thomas Sherwin, proceeded to make principally a verbal report of the doings of that Committee; that the Committee met and organized, and appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the following named gentlemen who were proposed as suitable candidates

for the position, viz: — Mr. Charles M. Cumston, Mr. George W. Minns, Mr. Moses Woolson, Mr. Luther W. Anderson, Mr. A. P. Stone, and Mr. D. B. Hagar; that said sub-committee invited the gentlemen named to appear before them; that of the gentlemen invited Mr. Anderson and Mr. Minns declined to be candidates; Mr. Stone, owing to engagements, could not be present, and that from Mr. Woolson the Committee had not received any reply. The sub-committee had interviews with Mr. Cumston and Mr. Hagar. The Committee had a second meeting at which it was voted to present to the Board as candidates the following named gentlemen, viz: — Mr. Charles M. Cumston, as the first choice of the Committee, Mr. D. B. Hagar, as the second choice, Mr. A. P. Stone and Mr. Moses Woolson.

Dr. Lothrop farther stated that, since the meeting of the committee, Mr. Hagar had declined to be a candidate before the Board. The Board then voted, on motion of Mr. Jellison, to go into secret session for the election of a head-master of the English High School.

Mr. Washburn presented a petition of above five hundred graduates of that school, asking that Mr. Cumston be appointed to that position.

Dr. Reynolds offered the following as a substitute for the report of the committee:

The Secretary to give notice for applications.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Board be directed to give public notice in the daily papers of this city, and in ten newspapers out of the city, — of which six shall be newspapers published outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, — that applications to fill the vacancy in the place of head-master of the English High School will be received by him till the first day of October next, together with any recommendations or other evidence of qualification which candidates may wish to present.

A lengthy discussion ensued, at the close of which, it was voted to substitute the order for the report of the committee.

The question then being taken upon the order, the order was adopted.

Anderson's History.

Voted, to take from the table the motion for a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Board adopted (July 13th) the order "that Anderson's Grammar School History be used as a text-book in the second classes of the Grammar Schools, in place of Swan's First Lessons.

The Board then refused to reconsider the vote adopting said order.

Mr. Waldock offered the following:

Roxbury High School: transfer of pupils.

Ordered, That the female pupils attending the fourth year's partial course of instruction at the Roxbury High School be transferred to the Girls' High and Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on the Roxbury High School.

Rice and Lewis Schools; philosophical apparatus.

Orders were offered by Mr. Flint and Mr. Monroe, respectively, to provide that sets of philosophical apparatus be purchased for the Rice and Lewis Schools. The orders were referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts.

Convention proposed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Bent, That a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Edward D. G. Palmer; and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law. The Chair appointed the following committee to nominate a suitable candidate for filling the vacancy, viz: Messrs. King, Palmer, Lamson, Slade, and Ricker.

Winthrop School: claim of teacher of sewing for compensation for extra service.

Mr. Simonds submitted, from the Committee on Accounts, a statement relative to the claim for compensation for extra service in teaching, of the teacher of sewing in the Winthrop School; and the following order:

Ordered, That the bill of Miss Hannah A. Rolfe, for services as teacher of Sewing in the Winthrop School, be referred to the Committee on Salaries. The order passed.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Simonds, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to pay a sum not exceeding $200 per annum, from the first of January last, till otherwise ordered, for additional services performed by the Auditing Clerk, under their direction.

Committee on Accounts authorized to pay for extra services.

The Board then adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary of the School Committee.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 14, 1869.

A Quarterly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of September, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The President in the Chair.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Adams, of Ward 12, Beeching, Blenkinsop, Brigham, Burroughs, Clark, Close, Deblois, Eastman, Emery, Foye, Ingalls, Lewis, S. K. Lothrop, Mason, Means, Morrill, O'Connell, Page, Ryan, Stearns, Streeter, Trull, Waterston, Wilkins, Winkley, Woods, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the acceptance by the Mayor and Aldermen of the proposition of this Board for a Convention, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Edward D. G. Palmer; and the same was placed on file. The Board of Aldermen entered the Council Chamber, and the Convention was held. Mr. King, from the committee appointed to nominate a suitable person for filling the vacancy, reported the name of John H. Woodbury. Convention: vacancy filled. John H. Woodbury chosen.

The Chair appointed Alderman Fairbanks and Messrs. Rust and Haskins a committee to collect the ballots; who, having attended to that duty, reported that the whole number of ballots was 53; necessary for a choice, 27; that John H. Woodbury had 48, A. B. Hall had 4, and George W. Blagden one. John H. Woodbury was accordingly declared elected. The Convention then dissolved, and the Board of Aldermen retired.

The Chair read the resignation of Edmund T. Eastman as a member of this Board, and the resignation was accepted; and it was voted that a message be sent to the Mayor and Aldermen, proposing a Convention on the evening of the next regular meeting of this Board, for the purpose of filling Resignation of E. T. Eastman. Convention proposed to fill vacancy.

the vacancy, and that public notice be given of the same, pursuant to law.

The Board invited to unite in a social gathering.

The Chair read a communication from R. C. Waterston, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Natural History Society, inviting the members of the Board to unite in a social gathering, in connection with an evening reception extended to various literary and scientific men assembled in the city by invitation of said Society; and asking the Board to adjourn for the purpose at as early an hour as practicable. Thereupon, Mr. King moved that the Board adjourn to meet one week from to-night. Dr. Reynolds moved an amendment to the motion, to provide that the matter specially assigned for consideration at half past eight o'clock this evening, viz, the report of the Committee on the High-school Education of Boys in Boston, be made the special order for half past eight o'clock on that evening. Mr. Washburn called for a division of the question. The question was taken on the motion of Mr. King, and the motion passed. The question was then taken on the motion of Dr. Reynolds, which also passed.

Adjournment.

High School instruction for boys in Boston; subject specially assigned.

High School instruction for boys; testimony to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Bent, *Voted*, That the testimony pertaining to the high-school education of boys in Boston, in the hands of the Committee on that subject, be printed before the next meeting of the Board.

Quarterly Reports: read by their titles.

Dr. Palmer moved that the meeting proceed to the reading of the quarterly reports. Mr. Flint moved an amendment, which passed, that the reports be read by their titles. Dr. Palmer's motion, as amended, then passed. The quarterly reports were then submitted, excepting the reports on the English High School and the Everett and Prescott School Districts, and accepted, including the reports of the Committees having in charge the Evening Schools and the Schools for Licensed Minors.

Evening Schools.

In connection with the report of the Committee on Evening Schools, Mr. Bent submitted the following, to be acted

upon at the next meeting of the Board: *Ordered*, That the rules be suspended, and that Sect. 9, of Chap. X., be amended by striking out the word "twenty," and inserting the word *twelve*.

Vacancies in Committees filled.

The Chair appointed Mr. Woodbury, elected in place of E. D. G. Palmer, deceased, to fill vacancies in the Committees on the Latin School and the Eliot and Hancock School Districts.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Miss Ellen L. Pendleton was confirmed as a head-assistant in the Lincoln School, her services as such commencing with the present school-year.

Nominations of teachers on probation.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation:

Latin School. — Moses Merrill, a master, in place of William R. Dimmock, resigned.

Adams School District. — Annie E. Reed, a Primary teacher, commencing in September.

Bigelow School District. — Mary E. Johnston, a Primary teacher, commencing Sept. 1st.

Comins School District. — Emma Towle, an assistant, commencing Sept. 13th.

Lawrence School. — Martha R. Merrill, an assistant.

Lincoln School. — Vodisa J. Comey, an assistant, commencing Sept. 14.

Norcross School. — Amanda Marble, an assistant, commencing with the present school-year.

Phillips School. — William W. Spaulding, an usher, commencing Sept. 6th.

Dudley School. — S. Maria Wheeler, an assistant, commencing Sept. 6th.

Wells School. — Abby J. Boutwell, an assistant, commencing Sept. 1st.

Transfer of a teacher.

Mr. Simonds submitted for confirmation the transfer of Mehitable M. Nelson, a head-assistant in the Lawrence School, to the place of head-assistant in the Norcross School; and the Board confirmed the transfer.

Resignation of a teacher.

Dr. Shattuck, Chairman of the Quincy School District Committee, submitted the following: Miss Maria C. Weeks having offered her resignation as an assistant in that District, the Committee respectfully recommend the acceptance of the resignation.

Pending the consideration of the matter, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 21, 1869.

An adjourned Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the 21st day of September, 1869, at half past seven o'clock. P. M. The President in the Chair.

Present: The whole Board, except Messrs. Allen, Barry, Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Burnham, Clark, Close, Cudworth, Edson, Emery, Flynn, Foye, Haskins, Hunt, Ingalls, Jarvis, Lamson, Monroe, Morrill, Nichols, O'Connell, Ordway, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Stearns, Stedman, Trull, Upham, Walsh, Winkley, Woodbury, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

Moses Merrill was confirmed as a master in the Latin School. Teachers confirmed.

Clara F. Conant was confirmed as a Primary teacher in the Dearborn School District.

Emeline L. Tolman was confirmed as a head-assistant in the Shurtleff School, commencing with the school year.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation: Teachers on probation nominated.

Dwight School.— Anna B. Thompson, master's head-assistant, commencing Sept. 16th.

Franklin School District.— Martha J. Burge, an assistant, and Eliza F. Blair, a Primary teacher,— services of both to commence Sept. 6th.

Rice School.— Edward Southworth, sub-master, commencing Sept. 1st.

School for Deaf Mutes.— Mary F. True, an assistant, commencing with the school year. School for Deaf Mutes.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. King, that Miss Sarah Fuller be transferred from the Bowditch School to the School for Deaf Mutes, her services commencing with the school year. Teacher transferred.

Teacher transferred.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Waterston, that Eva M. Kellar, an assistant in the Dwight School, be transferred to the place of an assistant in the Everett School,— her services in said school to date from Sept. 1st.

Resignations of teachers.

The resignation of Miss Maria C. Weeks, an assistant in the Quincy School, which was before the Board when it adjourned, at its last meeting, was, on motion of Dr. Shattuck taken up and accepted.

Dr. Bigelow presented the resignation of Miss Ann Nowell, an assistant in the Bowditch School, the resignation to take effect at the commencement of the present school year, and it was accepted.

Evening Schools.

Mr. Bent called up the order, submitted by him at the last meeting, and moved that it be adopted, to wit: That the rules be suspended, and that Sect. 9, of Chap. X., Regulations of the Evening Schools, be amended by striking out the word "twenty," and inserting the word *twelve*. The order passed.

Committee to prepare Annual Report.

The Chair appointed the Committee to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee, viz: Messrs. Dillaway, Ordway, Haskins, Washburn, Parkman, Hunt and Fogg.

Committee to nominate candidate for filling vacancy.

The Chair appointed the following as the Committee to nominate a candidate for filling the place in this Board made vacant by the resignation of E. T. Eastman, viz: Messrs. Flint, Bowdlear, Jellison, Merrill of Ward 11, and Hunt.

Quarterly Reports.

Dr. Lothrop submitted and read the quarterly report of the Committee on the English High School. Mr. Waterston submitted and read the quarterly report of the Committee on the Everett School District. Both of the reports were accepted.

Bowditch and Boylston Districts: interchange of teachers.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Bundy, That the Bowditch and Boylston School District Committee, be authorized to interchange teachers, so far as may be deemed expedient by hem.

Mr. Jellison offered the following:

Ordered, That the Franklin School District Committee be authorized to establish one or more Primary Schools, if the necessities of the District require the same

Franklin District: new Primary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

Dr. Fogg, from the Committees on the Shurtleff, Lincoln, Bigelow, and Norcross School Districts, who were authorized, at the meeting in July, to fix the boundaries of those school sections, subject to the approval of this Board, submitted the following for adoption:

Shurtleff, Lincoln, Bigelow and Norcross School Sections.

Ordered, That the boundaries of the Norcross and Bigelow School sections remain as at present located; that the Lincoln School section include all that part of South Boston east and southeast of a line beginning at the centre of Dorchester Street, on the northern Shore, and running to G Street, thence through the centre of G Street to the southern shore; that the Shurtleff School section comprise all that part of South Boston lying between the sections of the Norcross and Lincoln Schools.

The order passed.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order referred to them June 22d, for authorizing the Shurtleff School District Committee to appoint an additional head-assistant. The Rules and Regulations provide for a head-assistant in each story of the building, of the schools for girls; and, as a result of this provision, it is found that there is usually a head-assistant for every four rooms. This additional head-assistant is asked for, for the reason that, in the Shurtleff School House, there are six rooms on a floor in the first and second stories. There are fourteen rooms in the building; and the Committee of the District claim for the School an organization equivalent to that of other schools for girls. For this reason, and because the interests of our schools will be subserved by creating higher grades of female teachers, with

Shurtleff School: additional head-assistant. Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

higher salaries, which should command better talent, the Committee deem it expedient to pass the order.

Accepted, and the following order was adopted:

Ordered, That the Shurtleff School District Committee be allowed to appoint an additional head-assistant, in view of the fact that there are six rooms on each of the lower floors.

Books of Reference: Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order offered June 8th, "that no book of reference belonging to any public school shall be kept out of the school-house during school hours." The Committee recommended the passage of the order, and also such an amendment of the Rules and Regulations as should place the responsibility for the proper care and use of books of reference in the hands of the masters. The Committee submitted the following order:

Ordered, That a new section be added to Chap. XII., to be numbered 18, and to read as follows: "Sect. 18. No book of reference belonging to any public school shall be kept out of the building during school hours. The master shall be responsible for all the books of reference, globes, maps and charts in his District, and shall, annually, in the month of September, make a correct return of the same to the Committee on Accounts." Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries: temporary services of teachers.

Mr. Washburn, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon orders referred to that Committee, in July, for the payment of teachers for temporary services, to wit: to pay Mr. C. E. Ridler $93, and Miss Roxana May $46, both for services in the Boylston School; Miss Christiana F. Mason $45.50, for services in the Girls' High and Normal School; and Miss Anna O. Jones $168 for services in the Quincy School District; also the following: that $18 be paid to Maria L. Burrell for services as a substitute in a Primary school in the Lewis School District, from March 15th to March 31st. The orders severally passed.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Fogg, That the Primary Schools in the Ticknor building, at Washington Village, and the Primary School in the Ward Room building, on Dorchester Street, be transferred from the Bigelow to the Shurtleff School District.

Bigelow, Shurtleff and Lincoln Districts: Primary Schools transferred.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lewis, That the Primary schools in the Hawes and Simonds buildings, be transferred from the Lincoln to the Bigelow School District.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Fogg, That the Committee on Accounts furnish a philosophical apparatus for the use of the Shurtleff School.

Shurtleff School: Philosophical apparatus.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on Salaries:

Orders for paying temporary teachers.

By Dr. Bundy, That the sum of $12 be paid to Mr. C. E. Ridler, for four days' services as an usher in the Boylston School; and that $6 be paid to Roxana May, for four days' services in the same school, — both in the month of July.

By Mr. Burroughs, That the sum of $12.25 be paid to Miss C. F. Mason for seven days' services as temporary teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School, from July 14th to July 23d, both inclusive, at $1.75 per day.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Merrill of Ward 11, That Fairfield Street, Columbus Avenue, Warren Avenue, and Brookline Street separate the Dwight from the Rice and Brimmer School sections.

Dwight, Rice and Brimmer School Sections.

On motion of Dr. Lothrop it was

Ordered, That, under the terms Geography and Rhetoric, in the course of study prescribed for the English High School, there be introduced regular and systematic instruction in Physical Geography and in English Literature, in accordance with a programme to be prepared by the head master and his assistant teacher; and that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be appropriated to provide maps, books of reference, and such text-books as may be

English High School: course of study.

necessary; — the money to be expended under the direction of the Committee on the school; the bills subject to the approval of the Committee on Accounts.

Dr. Reynolds submitted the following:

English High School: head-mastership: examination of candidates.

Ordered, That, in the matter of the vacancy in the head-mastership of the English High School, the Board instruct the Committee of that School as follows:

No candidate for said vacancy shall be examined, unless he can show that he has successfully studied, under competent instructors, the subjects which he will be called to teach in the school.

Candidates who have furnished the evidence above mentioned shall be examined in the following manner:

Members of the English High School Committee, designated as soon as possible after this meeting, and in number not less than seven, shall each examine the candidates in one of the principal studies of the school; that is to say, in the English, French, and Latin languages and literature, one; in mathematics, geometry and trigonometry, one; in mechanics and physics, one; in chemistry, geology and astronomy, one; in geography, one; in history, one; in intellectual philosophy, one. The examination shall occupy not less than three entire days, and shall be both written and oral; the written work to be first done, and, if, by a vote of a majority of the examiners, adjudged unsuccessful, to preclude any further examination of the candidate.

The English High School Committee are also authorized to entrust this examination, or any part of it, to persons of eminent scholarship in the several departments of study pursued in the school, or who are not members of this Board, if said Committee so determine: *provided,* that the examining committee be not in any event composed of less than seven persons, and that members of it who are not of this Board be duly notified of their appointment, within one week from the passage of this order.

The above examination having been made, and evidences of fitness in other respects having been carefully weighed, the English High School Committee shall report to this Board, according to the rules, the names of two or more candidates: and no candidate who has not been examined as herein ordered, shall be eligible as head-master of the English High School. On motion of Dr. Lothrop the order was laid upon the table.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following order, for the passage of which he moved a suspension of the Rules. The Rules were suspended, and the order passed:

Girls' High and Normal School: accommodations.

Ordered: That the City Council be requested to furnish additional accommodations for the increased number of pupils in the Girls' High and Normal School.

High School education of boys in Boston.

Agreeably to the vote of the Board at the last meeting, the matter of the High School education of boys in Boston was taken up. Mr. Mason, in behalf of that Committee, reported progress. "They regret that, owing to causes entirely beyond their control, they are not prepared this evening to present the full report which they deem the importance of the subject demands; and they respectfully request such further time as may be necessary to complete the work committed to their charge."

Accepted, and the request of the Committee was granted.

Mr. Underwood moved that the Committee be authorized to collect and have printed the further testimony taken by them. Dr. Reynolds moved to amend the motion by adding the following: — and, that half past eight o'clock, at the meeting of the Board in the month of , be assigned for the consideration of the report of the Committee on the High School education of boys.

No quorum: roll called.

The question was, first, upon filling the blank in the amendment offered by Dr. Reynolds. Pending the consideration of the question, it was found that there was no quorum present. Whereupon, the Chair — Dr. Palmer, in

the absence of the President — directed that the roll be called.

Members absent.

The roll was called, and the following named gentlemen were recorded as absent, viz: Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, Barry, Bigelow, Blenkinsop, Bowdlear, Brigham, Bundy, Burnham, Clark, Close, Cudworth, Deblois, Edson, Emery, Flint, Flynn, Foye, Haskins, Hobbs, Holbrook, Hunt, Ingalls, Jarvis, Kneeland, Lamson, Learnard, Means, Moody Merrill, Wm. B. Merrill, Monroe, Morrill, Nichols, O'Connell, Ordway, Ricker, Riley, Rust, Ryan, Sanders, Shattuck, Stearns, Stedman, Streeter, Trull, Upham, Walsh, Wilkins, Winkley, Woodbury, the President of the Board, and the President of the Common Council. The meeting then adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN, *Secretary.*

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 12, 1869.

A Monthly Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of October, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., the President of the Board in the chair.

Present, the whole Board except Messrs. Adams, of Ward 13, Allen, Bigelow, Blenkinsop, Brown, Burroughs, Cudworth, Curtis, Deblois, Dillaway, Foye, Hobbs, Hutchins, Jellison, L. Lothrop, Means, Merrill, of Ward 14, Nichols, Packard, Palmer, Sanders, Shattuck, Streeter, Trull, Upham, Washburn, Wilson, Winkley, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The Chair read the acceptance, by the Mayor and Aldermen, of the proposition of this Board for a convention this evening, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edmund T. Eastman. The communication was placed on file. Convention; A. H. Rice elected.

The Board of Aldermen entered the Council Chamber and the convention was held.

Mr. Flint, from the Committee appointed to nominate a suitable candidate for filling the vacancy, reported the name of Alexander H. Rice, and the report was accepted.

The Chair appointed Alderman Fairbanks, and Messrs. Haskins and Ricker, a committee to collect the ballots; and that committee having attended to the duty assigned them, reported that the whole number of votes was fifty; necessary for a choice, twenty-six; that James O. Fallon had two votes, and Alexander H. Rice had forty-eight; whereby it appeared that Mr. Rice was elected.

The business for which the Convention was held having been accomplished, the Board of Aldermen retired.

Teachers confirmed and nominated.

Miss Abby W. Spiller was confirmed as a Primary teacher in the Mayhew School District.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation:

Girls' High and Normal School. — Lucy O. Fessenden, Julia S. Jellison, and Adeline S. Tufts, assistants, commencing, severally, October 11th.

Comins School. — Emma Towle, an assistant.

Lawrence School. — Mary J. Fennelly, head-assistant, commencing October 1st; and M. Louise Gillette, an assistant, commencing September 23d.

Mayhew School. — Emeline C. Farley, a Primary teacher, commencing September 6th.

Norcross School. — Harriet E. Johnston, an assistant, commencing September 8th.

Prescott School. — Frances H. Turner, a head-assistant commencing October 1st.

Winthrop School. — Rebecca R. Joslin, Mary C. Jones, and Mary E. Barstow, assistants; Isabella Cummings, teacher of sewing.

Transfer of a teacher.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Monroe, That Miss Maria B. Clapp be transferred from the Boylston to the Lewis School.

Resignation of a teacher.

Mr. Beeching submitted the resignation of Miss H. Elizabeth Deering, to take effect September 1st. Accepted.

Drawing: assistant-teacher nominated.

Mr. Slade, Chairman of the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture, Military Drill and Drawing, nominated, agreeably to the order passed June 22d, Mr. H. Hitchings, as an assistant teacher in Drawing, and the nomination was confirmed.

Evening Schools: teachers nominated.

Mr. Parkman, Chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following as teachers of those schools:

Pinckney Street. — Principal, Miss C. A. Caverly. Assistants, Edward B. Sellers, Annie E. Walcott, Emily Swayne,

Ellen A. Fisher, Catharine G. Fisher, Emily Hill, Emma Langley, Mary A. Beal, Martha Beal.

North Bennet Street. — Principal, Everett Boynton. Assistants, Elizabeth A. Fiske, Lucy C. Flynn, Geo. W. M. Hall, Josephine B. Silver, Benj. D. Washburn.

Harrison Avenue. — Principal, Sylvanus T. Rugg. Assistants, George H. Marshall, Elgina M. Plummer, Almy C. Plummer, Louisa Ayer, Anna S. Colburn, Roxana May, Caroline C. Stickney, M. Jessie Allison, Anna M. Bailey, Elizabeth A. Bailey.

Chambers Street Chapel. — Principal, Loring Lothrop. Assistants, Edward P. Preble, Fanny M. Wilson, Sarah P. Rowe, Lydia T. Preble, Louisa B. Holmes, Martha R. Spaulding.

Warrenton Street Chapel. — Principal, William G. Babcock. Assistants, John L. Emmons, Samuel Weltch, J. Thomas Vose, Thomas Hills, Clara L. Babcock, Mary E. Babcock, Caroline Guigen, Mary F. Steele, Josephine Drew, F. A. Caswell, J. Fred. Sayer, jr., Frank L. Deming.

English High School: appropriation for maps, books of reference, etc.

Mr. Simonds, from the Committee on Accounts, reported that the order passed September 21st, appropriating a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars to provide maps, books of reference, and text-books for the English High School, was not in accordance with the rules and regulations; and, "deeming it highly desirable that all purchases should be made in a regular system and at the lowest prices," that the committee recommended the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the order passed September 21, 1869, authorizing the providing of maps, books of reference, and such text-books as may be necessary, for the English High School, be so far amended that the purchases be made by the Committee on Accounts, under the rules, as the articles may be called for by the committee on that school. The order passed.

Kindergartens: report

Mr. Simonds read the report of the special committee to whom was referred, May 11th, the petition of Elizabeth P.

of committee.

Peabody and others, in regard to Kindergartens. The committee reported that they had had several meetings, and had given a patient hearing to Miss Peabody. They think there may be value in the system when properly developed, and when competent trained teachers are found to undertake and carry on the work. It contemplates the taking of children at three years of age, and placing twenty or twenty-five pupils under one teacher, for about four years; the instruction to be given, not from books, but partly oral, by object lessons, and partly industrial or playful, by blocks, papers, and objects of varied shapes and combinations. As a system, it has not been anywhere adopted for public schools. To make the system public in Boston would require an additional number of schools, at least equal to the present number of Primary schools.

The committee do not deem the system sufficiently developed to warrant them in recommending even an experimental school, as the petitioner proposes, or paying for the training of teachers at the public expense, especially as portions of the system are already practised in many of our schools, and may be extended at the pleasure of this Board. The committee asked to be discharged from the farther consideration of the subject. The report was accepted.

Franklin School District; new Primary School authorized.

Mr. Beeching, from the Committee on School-Houses, reported back to the Board the order referred to that committee, Sept. 21st, to authorize the Franklin School District Committee to establish one or more Primary Schools, should the same be required, recommending the adoption of the order. The question being taken upon the order, it was adopted.

Girls' High and Normal School; additional instruction.

Mr. Hunt, from the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School, submitted a statement to the effect that the school has one hundred more pupils than it had last year, and that the time of the head-master ought to be given to the senior class, the training department, and the general care of

the school; that he requires assistance in the chemical department; that the committee, at a late meeting, voted that the Chairman be requested to ask the Board for such an appropriation as will enable the school to receive the benefit of the services of some suitable person competent to impart instruction in Chemistry. Mr. Hunt also submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Girls' High and Normal School be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, for additional instruction in Chemistry, and the purchase of apparatus, chemicals, etc. Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. King submitted the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the City Council be requested to furnish rooms for the school for deaf mutes, in the building number five Pemberton square, or in some other place central to the horse-railroad travel of the city. School for deaf mutes.

2. *Ordered*, That Miss Sarah Fuller be the principal teacher in the school for deaf mutes, and that there be appointed three assistant teachers for the school.

3. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Salaries consider and report what should be the pay of the teachers in the school for deaf mutes.

4. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to furnish such books, charts, pictures, etc., as are necessary for the use of the school for deaf mutes.

5. *Ordered*, That the Committee on the school for deaf mutes have further time to prepare rules and regulations, and that for the present the school be managed at their discretion. The orders were severally adopted, the rules being suspended for the passage of the first order.

Dr. Lothrop, from the Committee on Text-Books, reported the following order:

Ordered, That one copy of Camp's Year Book, for 1869, be introduced as a book of reference in each of the High and Grammar Schools of the city. The order passed. Books of reference; Camp's Year Book.

Evening schools; appropriation for salaries.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Bent, that a sum not exceeding $200 be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Accounts, for the payment of the salaries of teachers in evening schools not nominated on probation.

The following orders were offered and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses:

Lewis, Bigelow, and Eliot School Districts; new primary schools wanted.

1. By Mr. Monroe, That the Lewis School District Committee have leave to establish a new Primary school within said district.

2. By Mr. Underwood, That a new Sixth class Primary School be established in the Bigelow School District.

3. By Mr. Ricker, That the Eliot School District Committee be authorized to establish one or more Primary schools for the accommodation of the surplus scholars in that district.

Annual Report.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Haskins, That the Committee on the Annual Report of the Board be authorized to print, with their report, descriptions of the Grammar School Houses erected during the past year, with cuts and plans of the same.

Schools dismissed.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Flint, That the Public Schools be dismissed on Friday and Saturday, the twenty-second and twenty-third of the present month, to enable the teachers to attend the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association, which is to be held in this city on the days named.

Orders for paying temporary teachers passed.

Mr. Connor recommended the passage of the orders offered September 21, to pay for the services of temporary teachers, to wit: that twelve dollars be paid to Mr. C. E. Ridler, and six dollars to Roxana May, for services, respectively, as usher and assistant in the Boylston School; and twelve dollars and twenty-five cents to Miss C. F. Mason, for services as an assistant in the Girls' High and Normal school; also, the following orders, offered this evening by Mr. Learnard:

1. *Ordered,* That there be paid to Lavinia M. Allen the sum of twelve dollars, for eight days' services as head-assistant in the Dwight School, from September 7, to September 15, inclusive.

2. *Ordered,* That one dollar and fifty cents be paid to Miss E. J. Hills, for services as an assistant for one day, September 6, in the Dwight School. The orders severally passed.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on Salaries:

Orders for paying temporary teachers referred.

1. By Mr. Hunt, That the sum of thirty-one dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss Mary H. Howes, for eighteen days' service as a temporary teacher in the Girls' High and Normal School, from September 20 to October 9, inclusive, at one dollar and seventy-five cents per day.

2. By Mr. Woods, That the sum of fifty-two dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss Anna O. Jones, for services as a temporary teacher in the East street Primary School, from June 1 to July 17, — thirty-five days.

3. By Mr. Haskins, That the salary of Mr. Moses Merrill, recently elected to a mastership in the Latin School, be the maximum salary, from the commencement of the school year.

4. By Dr. Bundy, That the sum of twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss Mary A. F. Walsh, for temporary services as a Primary teacher in the Boylston School District, from Sept. 20 to Oct. 11, inclusive.

5. By Dr. Bundy, That the sum of ninety-six dollars be paid to Mr. C. E. Ridler, for temporary services as an usher in the Boylston School, from Sept. 6 to Oct. 12, inclusive, — thirty-two days.

6. By Dr. Bundy, That the sum of eighteen dollars be paid to Miss Ellen J. Cushman, for temporary services as a Primary teacher in the Boylston School District, from Sept. 6 to Sept. 18, inclusive.

7. By Dr. Bundy, That the sum of four dollars and fifty

cents be paid to Miss Roxana May, for three days' services, the eighth, ninth and eleventh of October, as a temporary teacher in the Boylston School.

8. By Mr. Underwood, That there be paid to Miss Isabel M. Kelren the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents, for seven days' services, from the sixth to the thirteenth of September, inclusive, as a temporary teacher in the Lincoln School.

9. By Mr. Monroe, That there be paid to Miss Helen Crombie the sum of forty-five dollars, for services as a temporary teacher in the Lewis School, from Sept. 6 to Oct. 11.

Rice, Prescott and Comins Schools; philosophical apparatus.

The following orders were offered, and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Accounts:

1. By Mr. Flint, That the two pieces of apparatus, called the Heliotellus and the Lunatellus, be purchased for the use of the Rice School.

2. By Mr. Beeching, That there be furnished for the Prescott School a set of Philosophical Apparatus.

3. By Mr. Hobbs, That the Comins School be furnished with a Philosophical Apparatus, and with a Heliotellus.

Temporary teachers; mode of paying.

Mr. Riley offered the following:

Whereas much inconvenience and delay arise by the present practice of proceeding in paying temporary teachers employed in our schools, therefore

Ordered, That the subject be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, for its consideration and report. The order passed.

Lawrence School; additional accommodations.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Connor, That the City Council be respectfully requested to alter and furnish, as soon as the same is vacated by Police Station No. 6, room in the Mather School Building for two classes of scholars of the Lawrence School, and to transfer furniture from Jenkins Block to said room.

Resignations of Mr. Winkley and Mr. Dillaway

The Chair read the resignations as members of the Board, of Samuel H. Winkley of Ward 3, and Charles K. Dillaway of Ward 15, which the Board accepted.

The Chair appointed Dr. Bigelow on the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, in the place of Mr. Winkley, resigned.

Mr. Waldock offered the following:

Ordered, That Section 7, Chapter V., of the Rules and Regulations, be amended by the addition of the following clause: Any newly appointed teacher may, in consideration of previous similar service for a term of years, be put upon the maximum salary of the position by the committee of the school or district, in concurrence with the Committee on Salaries, if, in their judgment, it is for the interest of the City that this be done. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Maximum salary to newly appointed teachers.

On motion of Dr. Bundy, voted to take up the report of the Committee on the matter of changes in the boundaries of the Boylston, Quincy, Brimmer and Rice School sections, submitted May 11th, in print, City Document No. 51, and to consider the orders appended to the report.

Boundaries of Boylston, Quincy, Brimmer and Rice School sections; orders adopted.

Mr. Riley moved to amend order No. 1, in the first line, so that it should read as follows: "That a new section for boys, or boys and girls, be established," etc. The amendment passed. The order as amended was then adopted.

Dr. Reynolds moved to amend order No. 2, to read November, instead of September. The amendment passed. Order No. 2, as amended, was then adopted. Orders Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were severally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Riley, it was voted that the new school to be established by the first of the above orders be called the Boylston School.

New school called the Boylston.

The Chair appointed the Committee on the new Boylston School District, to wit, the present Committee on the Boylston School District.

The Chair appointed Mr. Rice to fill vacancies in committees, caused by the resignation of Dr. Eastman, as follows,

Vacancies in committees filled.

viz: on the Committee on Salaries, on the Latin School, and on the Dwight, Everett, Franklin and Rice School districts.

Petition: to include St. James Avenue in the Rice School Section.

Mr. Flint presented a petition, signed by Thomas H. Russell, Linus Child, J. Henry Cunningham, and thirteen others, asking that St. James Avenue may be included within the Rice School Section.

The matter was referred to the Committee on the Rice School District.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Nov. 9, 1869.

A Monthly Meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of November, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the chair.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Cudworth, Rice, Upham, and Woodbury. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed:

Teachers confirmed, and on probation nominated.

Comins School District. — Florence E. Tilton, as head-assistant, commencing December 1; Miss Bancroft, a Primary teacher.

Dwight School. — Margaret P. Kelley, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving on probation:

Roxbury High School. — Eliza D. Gardner, an assistant commencing September 27.

Bigelow School. — Helen E. Whitcomb, an assistant, commencing September 1.

Bowdoin School District. — Clementine A. Baker, a Primary teacher, commencing September 1.

Comins School District. — Anna M. Campbell, a Primary teacher.

Dearborn School District. — Mary Lincoln, a Primary teacher, commencing November 4.

Dwight School. — Laura A. Pendleton, an assistant, commencing September 6.

Hancock School District. — Lucy C. Flynn, a Primary teacher, commencing November 1.

Lewis School District. — Helen Crombie, a Primary teacher, commencing November 1.

Wells School. — Maria L. Dowdell, an assistant, commencing November 1.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools, Cabot Street. — Benjamin Merriam, principal, commencing October 25; assistants, Climena B. Moore and Eloise Wolcott, commencing October 25; Delia Mansfield, Clara McIntosh, Sarah E. Leavitt, Harriet Colligan, Anna E. Peterson, Emma F. Merritt, Fanny McDonald, Sarah Cook, Alice Gould, Susan Sawyer, commencing November 1; Emma F. Thomas, Charlotte B. Hall, Mary Holbrook, Emma E. Toulon, commencing November 2; Elizabeth A. Sanborn, Celina Voisin, Susan Williams, commencing November 8.

Harrison Avenue. — Assistants, Emma F. Swain and Emma C. Treadwell, commencing October 25, in place of the Misses Plummer, discharged; Ella J. Mahone, commencing October 5, and Abby M. Cochrane, commencing October 18.

North Bennet Street. — Susan E. Allen, Sarah S. Brackett, Adelbert P. Chapman, and Teresa M. Gargan.

Chambers Street. — Lyman E. Rockwell, commencing October 9, and Walter W. Elder, commencing October 25.

Gloucester Place. — Ernest Schubert, teacher in mechanical drawing, and Mrs. Lucy C. Bartlett, an assistant in the same department.

Warrenton Street Chapel. — Albert F. Hall, teacher of drawing, commencing November 8.

School for Deaf Mutes. — Ella L. Barton, an assistant.

Transfer.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, That Eliza J. Dyar, an assistant in the Franklin School, be transferred to the Boylston School.

Resignations of teachers.

The following resignations of teachers were presented and accepted, viz.: of Huldah H. Mitchell, a Primary teacher in the Chapman School District; of M. Alice Mansfield, a Primary teacher in the Hancock School District; and of Harriet A. Johnson, an assistant, and Harriet O. Brown, a Primary teacher, in the Wells School District.

Girls' High and Normal School; ad-

Mr. Simonds, from the Committee on Accounts, reported upon the order referred to them, October 12, respecting the

allowance of a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars for additional instruction in chemistry, and for other purposes, in the Girls' High and Normal School, recommending the passage of the order in the following amended form:

ditional instruction in chemistry; report of Committee on Accounts.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to approve and pay bills for additional instruction in chemistry, and for apparatus and chemicals connected therewith, for the Girls' High and Normal School, upon the application of the committee of said school, to an amount not exceeding six hundred dollars. The order passed.

Heliotellus and Lunatellus; report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Simonds read the report of the Committee on Accounts upon two orders referred to them, and upon requests made by several teachers and district committees, that sundry schools be furnished with two pieces of apparatus called the Heliotellus and Lunatellus; "that said articles are not authorized or adopted by any action of this Board; that the expense of furnishing them to all the schools would exceed $3,000; and that it may well be doubted whether conveniences exist in most of the schools for their safe-keeping; but, more especially, as said articles are accompanied by a text-book on astronomy, by Prof. J. Davis, your committee deem the subject as belonging to the Committee on Text-Books, and recommend the passage of the following order":

Ordered, That the expediency of supplying any or all the High and Grammar Schools with Prof. J. Davis's Heliotellus and Lunatellus be referred to the Committee on Text-Books, for consideration. Accepted, and the order passed.

Girls' High and Normal School; hymn books, music books, etc.; report of Committee on Accounts

Mr. Simonds, from the Committee on Accounts, reported that a request had been received from the master of the Girls' High and Normal School for various hymn or music books, which books do not appear upon any list adopted by this Board; and that the committee recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on Music be requested to

designate what text or hymn books shall be used in the Girls' High and Normal School for musical practice or instruction. The order passed.

Musical instruction in Comins School; number of schools to each teacher; report of Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts report that, by the rules of the Board, the teachers of Music in the Grammar Schools are paid $150 for each school; that no instruction in Music has been given in the Comins School since the commencement of the present school year; and they doubt their authority to pay for the same, until the matter is acted upon by the Committee on Salaries. They also have had no official notice of the number of schools taught by each music teacher; and they request the passage of the annexed order.

For the Committee. ALVAN SIMONDS, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to consider and report on the expediency of paying the music teacher for instruction in the Comins School during the suspension of his services there; and also as to the number of schools for which each teacher is to be paid. Passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; orders to pay temporary teachers passed.

Mr. L. Lothrop, from the Committee on Salaries, reported upon the several orders referred to the committee, October 12th, recommending their adoption as follows, viz.: that thirty-one dollars and fifty cents be paid to Mary H. Howes, for services in the Girls' High and Normal School; that fifty-two dollars and fifty cents be paid to Anna O. Jones, for services as a Primary teacher in East street, in the Quincy School District; that the salary of Moses Merrill, a master in the Latin School, be the maximum salary; that twenty-eight dollars and fifty cents be paid to Mary A. F. Walsh; ninety-six dollars to Mr. C. E. Ridler; eighteen dollars to Ellen J. Cushman; and four dollars and fifty cents to Roxana May; — all for services in the Boylston School District; that eleven dollars and fifty cents be paid to Isabel M. Kelren, for services in the Lincoln School; and that forty-five dollars be paid to Helen Crombie, for services in

the Lewis School. All of the orders were adopted, the committee reporting an amendment to the order to pay Miss Kelren, which passed, so that it should read ten dollars and fifty cents, instead of eleven dollars and fifty cents.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; maximum salary to newly appointed teachers.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the subject of the order referred to them October 12th, to provide that newly appointed teachers who have served for a term of years may receive the maximum salary. The committee reported that, in their opinion, the subject should be considered by the Committee on Salaries, rather than by the Committee on Rules and Regulations, and made a recommendation to that effect.

The report was accepted, and the order was accordingly referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Drawing and Penmanship; standing committee on report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations upon the order referred to that committee May 11th, proposing the appointment of a standing committee to take charge of the instruction in Drawing and Penmanship in the public schools. The committee are of the opinion that it is not desirable to place the instruction given in penmanship under a special committee. The best systems in that branch are taught in the schools, and a great majority of the teachers are competent to teach writing. In regard to drawing, the committee think that more can be done than has yet been accomplished. They do not find that any instruction in the art of drawing by observation has thus far been given. The work has as yet produced only good copyists. The capacity to produce original results has yet to be developed, and the importance of the subject seems to demand a special committee to take charge of it. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following orders:

Ordered, That Chapter I., Section 2, be amended by inserting after the word "Printing" in the ninth line, the words "On Drawing."

Ordered, That Chapter IV. be amended by inserting a new section to be numbered 11, and to read as follows: The Committee on Drawing shall exercise a general supervision in all the schools over that branch of instruction; they shall appoint and nominate to the Board for confirmation an instructor and an assistant instructor, when so directed, in this department; and they shall report to the Board in writing, at the meetings in March and September.

Ordered, That Chapter IV. be still further amended by striking out the concluding sentence of Section 9, as follows: This committee shall also have supervision of the instruction given by the teacher of drawing.

Ordered, That the present sections of Chapter IV. be carried forward one number in numerical order, beginning with Section 11. The orders all passed.

Mr. King, Chairman of the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, reported progress in the matter, and offered the following order:

Rooms for the school for deaf mutes.

Ordered, That the matter of providing rooms for the school for deaf mutes be referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School Houses. Passed.

Temporary teachers: mode of paying.

Mr. Learnard moved that a preamble and an order, offered at the meeting in October, by Mr. Riley, pertaining to the mode of paying temporary teachers for their services, and referring the subject to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, be referred to the Committee on Accounts, as being the proper committee to consider the subject. The motion passed.

Washington and Dudley School District; a new division.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Allen, That the Committee on the Washington and Dudley School District be authorized to establish a new division in that district.

Dearborn School District; a new Primary School.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Morse, That a new sixth class Primary school be established in the Dearborn School District.

Deaf mutes

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Washburn, That the City

Government be requested to furnish free passes over the ferry to such deaf mutes residing in East Boston as may be connected with the school for deaf mutes, to be organized under the supervision of this Board.

in East Boston; free passes over the ferry.

On motion of Mr. Bent, amended by Mr. Putnam, it was voted that the rules be so far suspended as to allow, at this time, orders to be offered not requiring debate.

Evening Schools; Miss Caverly's salary.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkman, That the salary of Miss C. S. Caverly, principal of the evening school in Pinckney street, be the same as the salary of a male principal.

Dr. Shattuck offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Quincy School District Committee be allowed to appoint a head-assistant in the master's room in the Quincy School.

Quincy School; additional master's head-assistant.

The order was amended to read "a temporary head assistant," and was then adopted.

The following orders were offered, and referred to the Committee on Salaries:

Orders for paying temporary teachers referred.

1. By Mr. Beeching, That there be paid to Miss Josephine Dunbar the sum of ninety dollars for sixty days' service as a temporary teacher in the Prescott School.

2. By Dr. Bigelow, That the sum of thirty-three dollars be paid to Margaret Crosby for twenty-two days' service as a temporary teacher in the Bowditch School, in the month of October.

3. By Dr. Bundy, That the sum of twenty-four dollars be paid to Mr. C. E. Ridler for eight days' service as temporary usher in the Boylston School, in the month of October.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, That the Primary Schools in Genesee street be transferred from the Franklin to the Boylston School District.

Franklin and Boylston School Districts; Primary Schools transferred.

Mr. Bowdlear offered the following order:

Ordered, That the southern boundary of the Franklin School Section be extended to correspond with the southern

Franklin School section; extension of

southern boundary.

boundary of the Rice School Section. Referred to the district committees having charge of the two sections involved.

Dr. Fogg offered the following:

Shurtleff School; teacher of sewing.

Ordered, That the teacher of sewing in the Shurtleff School be authorized and directed to instruct an intermediate class in said school. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

English High School; Head Mastership; report of Examining Committee.

Dr. Lothrop submitted and read the report of the committee designated by the rules to examine applicants, and report to the Board the names of candidates for the place of head-master of the English High School.

Agreeably to the order passed at the meeting held August 30th, advertisements were inserted in several papers of this city and in other parts of the country, stating that applications for the position named, with recommendations, etc., would be received by the Secretary of the Board until October 1st. The committee met after the expiration of the time specified, and examined the applications and testimonials of the applicants, twenty in number; of whom the committee by vote invited six to be present for a personal interview and examination, at the City Hall, October 18th.

The persons thus selected were, Charles M. Cumston, of Boston; George H. Howison, of St. Louis; George W. Minns, of Boston; Edwin P. Seaver, of Cambridge; Edward Clarence Smith, of Philadelphia; and Joseph W. Wilson, of Philadelphia.

At the examination, all of the gentlemen were present except Mr. Smith. To each of the candidates were put twenty-seven questions, prepared by a special committee appointed to make arrangements for the examination, consisting of the Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. Philbrick; and two other questions, submitted by individual members of the Examining Committee. The following are the questions:

1. State, in brief, what advantages of education you enjoyed, both in the elementary and high courses.

2. Have you, since graduation, devoted your attention, as a student, to any particular branch or branches of science or learning?

3. What has been your experience as a teacher?

4. Have you adopted teaching as a profession?

5. What have you done to advance the interests of your profession, and to improve your own professional education?

6. What have you written upon the subject of education?

7. Name some of the principal works on the subject of education which you have read. Have you read any of the English educational blue books? What ones?

8. What is your idea of the nature and objects of elementary education?

9. What is your idea of the nature and objects of liberal education?

10. Give an account of the organization and character of secondary education in Prussia. Describe the gymnasium and the *real school.*

11. Give your opinion of the main objects to be kept in view, and the method and means to be used, in teaching the English language and literature in a high school.

12. Are you prepared to teach the French language?

13. Define psychology. State, in general, the uses of this study, and, in particular, its relation to the science and art of teaching.

14. What is the most elaborate and comprehensive American text-book on intellectual philosophy?

15. What is the most general classification of the processes of reasoning? Define each kind, and give an example of each.

16. What is the difference between venous and arterial blood? State precisely in what organs of the human system these two kinds of blood are found, and what is the essential step in respiration.

17. What sciences tend to cultivate the inductive habit of mind, and what the deductive habit of mind?

18. When and where was the general body of geometrical science constructed?

19. What are some of the arguments in favor of the study of geometry as a branch of general education?

20. What are Sir William Hamilton's views of mathematics as a means of general culture?

21. Give your ideas of drawing, both in its relations to general education and to technical education.

22. Name one or two of the most important discoveries of the present times in the science of physics.

23. What do you understand by the doctrine of correlation of physical forces? Give an illustration of it, or any account of its history and development.

24. How should history be taught in a high school, and what should be attempted in this branch?

25. How, and to what extent should the Constitution of the United States be taught in such a school?

26. What are your views of School Government, — the ends to be aimed at, and the means and motives to be used?

27. Give an account of the national bureau of education.

28. Have you paid any attention to the science of language as connected with the early history and sub-divisions of the human race, and are you familiar with the works of German, English and American philologists?

29. What are the proper limits of education for individuals?

The examination lasted between three and four hours.

At the conclusion of the examination, the committee proceeded by ballot to choose a candidate to be presented to the Board as their first choice; and Mr. George H. Howison was so chosen. The committee then proceeded to choose, by ballot, a candidate to be presented as the second choice

of the committee; and Mr. George W. Minns was chosen. In like manner the committee proceeded to make choice of a third candidate; and Mr. Edwin P. Seaver was chosen. The committee then voted that the names of Mr. Charles M. Cumston and Joseph W. Wilson be also presented to the Board. The committee do not deem it necessary to present any account of the testimonials of the candidates, or the grounds on which their choice or preference is based, as the candidates themselves — at least the three selected by ballot — have had their testimonials printed and circulated.

The report was accepted.

Election.

On motion of Mr. Bent, the Board went into secret session. On motion of Mr. Rust, it was voted to proceed to ballot for the choice of a head-master of the English High School. The Chair appointed Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Ricker, and Mr. Fogg a committee to collect the ballots.

Charles M. Cumston chosen.

The committee attended to the duty assigned them, and reported as follows: Whole number of ballots, 85; necessary for a choice, 43. Charles M. Cumston had 43, George H. Howison had 23, George W. Minns had 11, Edwin P. Seaver had 8. Whereby it appeared that Mr. Cumston was elected.

Schools dismissed.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Hutchins, That the schools be dismissed on Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving day.

Vacancies in committees filled.

The Chair appointed Mr. Hobbs on the Committee on the Latin School, and Mr. Holbrook on the Committee to prepare the Annual Report; in each case to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Dillaway as a member of the Board.

Adjourned.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 14, 1869.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of December, 1869, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the chair.

Present, the whole Board, except Messrs. Barry, Bowdlear, Clark, Close, Connor, Cudworth, Deblois, Edson, Emery, Flynn, Foye, Haskins, Ingalls, Jellison, Merrill of Ward 11, Monroe, Morrill, O'Connell, Page, Palmer, Rice, Riley, Ryan, Sanders, Streeter, Trull, Tucker, Underwood, Walsh, Washburn, Wilkins, and the President of the Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers, having served the usual term of probation, were confirmed:

English High School. — Charles B. Travis and J. P. Brown, sub-masters, their services to date from the commencement of the school in September. Nicholas F. Dracopoli, teacher of French. Teachers confirmed.

Bowdoin School. — Clementine A. Baker, a Primary teacher.

Comins School District. — Miss Marston, a Primary teacher.

Franklin School. — Martha J. Burge and Eliza F. Blair, assistants.

Mayhew School District. — Emeline C. Farley, a Primary teacher.

Wells School District. — Abby J. Boutwell, an assistant.

The following teachers were nominated as serving upon probation: Teachers on probation nominated.

English High School. — George H. Howison, master.

Bigelow School District. — Lilian Bicknell, a Primary teacher, commencing September 28.

Chapman School District. — Annie E. Clark, a Primary teacher, commencing December 1.

Dwight School. — Chester H. Comey, usher, commencing September 6.

Eliot School District. — Ann Augusta Coleman, a Primary teacher, commencing November 4.

Everett School. — Susan S. Foster, an assistant, commencing September 26.

Lewis School District. — Alice C. Pierce, a Primary teacher, commencing December 1.

Mayhew School District. — Alice A. Tufts, an assistant, commencing November 1; Adelaide C. Williams, a Primary teacher, commencing with the present school year.

Prescott School. — Caroline B. Bigelow, an assistant, commencing November 15.

Shurtleff School. — Sarah L. Garrett, an assistant, commencing November 22.

Washington and Dudley School District. — Frances Mc Donald, an assistant in the Washington School, commencing November 22; Anna T. Bicknell, a Primary teacher, commencing September 6.

Wells School District. — Eliza A. Freeman, commencing September 6; and Lavinia M. Allen, commencing November 22; — both Primary teachers.

Transfer of a teacher.

Comins School District. — The Committee on this District reported "the transfer of Dora O. Wait, from her position as an assistant, to the place recently held by Mrs. Norton," her transfer to date from September 1.

Resignation of a teacher.

Lewis School District. — The Committee on this District reported the resignation of Josephine Mansfield, a Primary teacher, the resignation taking effect December 1.

Evening Schools.

Evening Schools. — Mr. Parkman, from the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated the following teachers: in the Ward Room in Ward 12, Moses R. Chase, principal; assistants, Frances V. Keyes, Sophia C. Dudley,

Mary W. Bragdon, Emma A. C. Thomas, Abby E. Holt: in Union Hall, Ephraim D. Howe, principal; assistants, Everett P. White, Caroline A. Buswell, Emily H. Wish; commencing, severally, November 29: in Cabot street, Mary E. Prince, in place of Frances McDonald resigned: in North Bennet street, Jane P. Washburn, commencing November 12. Moses Woolson and Luther W. Anderson were nominated as principals, on alternate months, and Charles B. Travis and Nathan E. Willis as assistants, in the High Evening School. Adolph Nahmer was nominated as principal of the school for instruction in the English language, in Roxbury.

Quarterly Reports.

The Quarterly Reports of the several committees on the High Schools and the Grammar School Districts, — excepting the Adams—on Evening Schools, and the Schools for Licensed Minors, were read and accepted. It was voted that the Committee on the Adams School District be allowed further time to make their report. Mr. King, Chairman of the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, asked and was granted further time to prepare the report on those schools.

Mr. Learnard submitted and read the reports of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on matters referred to that committee:

Shurtleff School; Sewing; Report Committee on Rules and Regulations.

1. Upon the order offered November 9th, "that the teacher of sewing in the Shurtleff School be authorized and directed to instruct an intermediate class in said school." In accordance with the regulations plain sewing may be introduced into any Primary school, if the sub-committee think it advisable, — the instruction, of course, to be given by the teacher of the school, and without extra compensation. The committee find that in the Shurtleff School District there is a girls' school for special instruction, of about fifty scholars, whose ages range from eight to fourteen years, who come from poor families, are poorly clad, with garments much out of repair. It is thought that

such instruction could be given to these scholars, by reason of their age, as would fit them to do what their parents may not find time or have the ability to do, and render their garments much more comfortable, and themselves far more presentable for attendance at school. Furthermore, the giving of instruction in plain sewing in schools for special instruction for girls is recommended, from the fact that a large proportion of the pupils in these schools do not reach the Grammar Schools, and consequently fail to get instruction in this essential branch. The committee recommended the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Shurtleff School District be authorized to employ a teacher of sewing in the Primary school for special instruction for girls, held in the Ward Room of Ward 12; said teacher to give the same amount of instruction in that branch as is given to a whole division of the fourth class in a Grammar school, and to receive therefor the same compensation. Accepted, and the order passed.

Standing Committee on examinations for selection of teachers; Report Com. on Rules and Regulations.

2. Upon the order offered March 9th, with reference to a standing committee for examinations for the selection of teachers. The committee find a great lack of uniformity among the district committees in the methods pursued in selecting teachers. Persons may be selected and appointed by some committees who would be deemed by other committees as not being qualified, and be rejected. What is needed is a uniform standard of qualifications. New York, Brooklyn, San Francisco, have adopted methods similar to the one proposed in the order referred to this committee. From their consideration of the subject the committee are impressed with its importance; but, at this late period of the year, there is not time for judicious action in the matter, and, without having matured any plan, they recommend that the order be referred to the next Board, for

its early and favorable consideration. The report was accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

Report Committee on Salaries: on orders to pay temporary teachers, etc.; musical instruction in the Comins School.

Mr. Loring Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Salaries, upon matters referred to them, recommending that thirty-three dollars be paid to Margaret Crosby, for temporary services in the Bowditch School. The order passed. The committee recommended that the teacher of music in the Comins School be paid, and the recommendation was adopted. The committee recommended the adoption of the order offered October 12, proposing an amendment to the Rules and Regulations, Chapter V. Section 7, and said order was adopted. The committee recommended the passage of the following order: *Ordered,* That Francis McDonald be paid as a temporary teacher in the Comins School District, from September 23 to November 17, inclusive, the sum of sixty-nine dollars. The order passed. The committee recommended that the order to pay Mr. C. E. Ridler, for services in the Boylston School, and the order that Josephine Dunbar be paid for services in the Prescott School, be referred to the respective district committees for such information as the Committee on Accounts may need, — the same to be reported to the Committee on Salaries. Said orders were so referred.

Temporary teachers; mode of paying; report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Learnard read the report of the Committee on Accounts on the matter — referred to that committee in November — of the present mode of paying for the services of temporary teachers. To obviate the delay in paying such teachers, the committee propose for adoption the following order:

Ordered, That Chapter IV., Section 3, be amended by adding the following: All bills for the payment of services of temporary teachers shall be rendered to this committee, who shall audit them, in accordance with the rules of the Board for their payment; if found correct they shall be approved, and entered on the monthly pay-roll. The

committee shall report to the Board all bills which have been approved, with their respective amounts; also, all bills which they cannot approve, with their reasons therefor.

The order was adopted.

Report of Com. on music.

Dr. Upham submitted the semi-annual report of the Committee on Music, and the following orders:

1. *Ordered,* That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report such amendment of the Rules as will make them correspond with the action of the Board in regard to instruction in music in the various departments of the schools. Passed.

2. *Ordered,* That examinations for promotion shall, henceforth, include an examination of the pupils for proficiency in music, as well as in the other branches of study pursued in the schools. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Vocal and Phys. Culture and Mil. Drill.

Mr. Slade, from the Committee on Vocal and Physical Culture and Military Drill, made a verbal report, and asked that the committee be allowed further time. The Board granted the request.

Boundaries of Franklin, Everett, Rice and Boylston school sections.

Mr. Brigham, from the district committees, to whom was referred, November 9, the subject of the southern boundary of the Franklin School Section, submitted the following orders:

1. *Ordered,* That the northern boundary of the Everett School section extend through East Brookline street, Harrison avenue, Canton street, Columbus avenue, and Dartmouth street.

2. *Ordered,* That the boundaries of the Franklin School section be as follows: The centre of Canton street, Columbus avenue, Dartmouth street, the Boston and Albany Railroad, and Harrison avenue, to the point of beginning.

3. *Ordered,* That the boundaries of the Rice School section be Brookline street, Warren avenue, Columbus avenue, Fairfield street, the Boston and Albany Railroad, and Harrison avenue.

4. *Ordered*, That the boundaries of the Boylston School section be East Brookline street, Harrison avenue, the Boston and Albany Railroad, and the water.

Ordered, On motion of Dr. Ordway, That the Committee appointed to prepare the annual report of the Board have leave to report in print. Annual Report.

The chair read a communication from T. W. Nixon, asking to be allowed to illustrate, in some of the schools, a system of Mnemonics. Mr. Bent offered an order to provide that Mr. Nixon be allowed to exhibit his system of Mnemonics before such classes of the Grammar Schools as it may seem expedient to the masters of those schools so to do. Mr. Hutchins moved to amend the order, by adding the following, to wit, "in consultation with the district committees." Mr. Learnard moved a reference of the matter to the Committee on Text-Books, which motion passed. Mnemonics; T. W. Nixon's communication.

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Lothrop, That when this Board adjourn, it adjourn to Tuesday evening, January 4, 1870, at half past seven o'clock. Adjournment.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Merrill, of Ward 14, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to furnish such of the books of reference used in the English High and Girls' High and Normal Schools as the head-master of the Roxbury High School may desire for use in that school. Roxbury high school; books of reference.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Bent, and under a suspension of the Rules, That Section 2 of Chapter 1 of the Rules of the Board be amended by adding, after the words "on Drawing," on Evening Schools. Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Bent offered the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-two dollars and fifty cents be paid to Miss Clara Newell, for fifteen days' service as a temporary teacher in a Primary School in Wall street, — in the Wells School District — from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17, inclusive. Referred, under the new rule of the Board, to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Parkman offered the following orders, and moved that the Rules be suspended for their passage:

High Evening school; Salaries of teachers.

Ordered, That the salary of the principals of the High Evening School be six dollars per night, and of assistants, five dollars.

Ordered, That the salary of the teacher of drawing in the High Evening School be eight dollars for one evening's service per week.

The motion for a suspension of the Rules passed.

No quorum.

Pending a consideration of the orders the meeting dissolved for the want of a quorum.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 4, 1870.

A Meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held, agreeably to adjournment, at the City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourth day of January, 1870, at half past seven o'clock, P. M.; the President of the Board in the chair.

Present, the whole Board except Messrs. Allen, Barry, Blenkinsop, Burnham, Clark, Close, Cudworth, Flynn, Ingalls, S. K. Lothrop, Means, O'Connell, Palmer, Putnam, Riley, Stedman, Trull, Walsh, Wilkins, and the President of Common Council. Absent.

The following teachers were confirmed, having served the usual term of probation: Teachers confirmed.

Boylston School District. — Adelaide S. Granger, a Primary teacher, — her services commencing with the present school year.

Dwight School. — Laura A. Pendleton, an assistant.

Phillips School District. — William W. Spaulding, usher.

Wells School District. — Eliza A. Freeman, a Primary teacher.

Teachers serving upon probation were nominated as follows: Teachers on probation nominated.

Dwight School. — Mr. Haskell, usher, commencing November 22d.

Phillips School District. — Elizabeth N. Smith, a Primary teacher, commencing January 1st.

Quincy School District. — Caroline F. Welsh, an assistant, commencing September 13th, and N. H. White, a Primary teacher, commencing January 3d.

Evening Schools. — In the Ward room in Ward 12, Ella B. Veazie, an assistant; in Harrison avenue, Mary E. Choate, in place of Miss Allison, resigned, commencing De- Evening Schools.

cember 20th; in the High Evening School, William Nichols, Jr, commencing December 21st, in place of Mr. N. E. Willis, resigned, and R. P. Owen, commencing December 20th; in Chambers street, Peter Rosenberg.

Resignation of a teacher.

Mr. L. Lothrop submitted the resignation of Harriet H. King, a Primary teacher in the Phillips School District, taking effect January 1st. Accepted.

Quarterly Report.

Mr. Washburn read the quarterly report of the Adams School District Committee, who were allowed, at the meeting of December 14th, further time; and the report was accepted.

Report of Committee on School for Deaf Mutes.

Mr. Washburn submitted and read the report of the Committee on the School for Deaf Mutes, which was accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Ricker, ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Industrial Schools.

Mr. Flint, chairman of the Committee on the subject of Industrial Schools, reported that the committee were satisfied that the proposition is a good one, and that two such schools might be established, with a reasonable hope of success. They commend the subject to the respectful attention of the next Board. The report was accepted.

School for deaf mutes: salaries of teachers.

Mr. L. Lothrop read the report of the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, in October, the consideration of the salaries of the teachers of the school for deaf mutes. Having conferred with the committee having charge of the school, they recommend for adoption the following order:

Ordered, That the salary of the principal of the School for deaf mutes shall be one thousand dollars per annum, and the salary of each assistant eight hundred dollars per annum; said salaries to be paid from the beginning of the term of service of each teacher, respectively. The order passed.

Franklin School Section: boundaries.

Voted, On motion of Mr. Bowdlear, to amend the specification of the boundaries of the Franklin School section, by striking out the words "Columbus Avenue and Dartmouth street."

Mr. Burroughs read the report of the Committee on Text Books, on various matters referred to that committee:

Report of Committee on Text Books; on request of W. S. Hutchings, "Lightning Calculator";

1. Upon the request of W. S. Hutchings, "Lightning Calculator," made at the meeting in March, for an opportunity to exhibit his power, and illustrate his system; recommending that leave be not granted.

T. W. Nixon's communication;

2. Upon the request of T. W. Nixon, made to the Board in December, to be allowed to illustrate a system of Mnemonics, and the order offered, to provide that Mr. Nixon be allowed to exhibit his system in the Grammar Schools; the committee reported that it is inexpedient to pass the order.

Zaba's Charts of Universal History;

3. Upon the application of Count Zaba, sustained by a recommendation signed by twenty-three teachers in the Public Schools, who have attended his explanatory lectures, to have his large charts for the study of Universal History introduced into the High and Grammar schools: "The teachers who have attended his lectures say that the practical utility of this method has so impressed them that they have no hesitation in recommending the introduction of the charts, which, they say, would afford them great facility in giving instruction in this department, without displacing any text-book now in use. The committee not having had time for such full consideration of the subject as ought to be given to it before decided action either way, recommend that it be referred to the next Board."

Blodgett's Climatology;

4. The committee having considered an application of the publishers, Lippincott & Co., recommend that a copy of Blodgett's Climatology of the United States be placed as a book of reference in each of the High schools, if furnished at a discount of forty per cent on the wholesale price.

Davis's Heliotellus and Lunatellus.

5. Upon the expediency of supplying the High and Grammar schools with Prof. Davis's Heliotellus and Lunatellus, which subject was referred to the Committee November 9th, the committee report that they have given the sub-

ject a pretty thorough consideration; and, in consequence, recommend the introduction of the instruments, with Prof. Davis's text-book on Astronomy. The committee submitted the following orders:

1. *Ordered*, That the subject of the purchase of a copy of Count Zaba's Charts for teaching Universal History be referred to the next School Board.

2. *Ordered*, That a copy of Blodgett's Climatology of the United States be furnished as a book of reference to each of the High Schools, provided it can be obtained at forty per cent discount on the wholesale price.

3. *Ordered*, That Prof. Davis' Heliotellus be furnished to each of the High Schools, and his Lunatellus to each of the Grammar Schools, it being understood that ten copies of his book shall accompany the first and six copies the last named instrument, and that Prof. Davis make arrangements with Mr. Brown, or some competent person, to give lectures, at its introduction, to the teachers of each school, when it is desired, explaining the instrument and its uses.

The report was accepted. The question then being upon the orders, order No. 1 was adopted. Mr. Hutchins moved to amend order No. 2, by striking out all after the word provided, and inserting the words "that the books can be obtained at three dollars each." The amendment passed, and the order as amended passed. Order No. 3 was referred, on motion of Mr. Brown, to the Committee on Accounts.

Eng. High School; philosophical apparatus; appropriation for.

Dr. Bundy, from the Committee on the English High School, offered the following order, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers, and it was so referred:

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be appropriated for additions and repairs to the philosophical apparatus of the English High School, to be expended under the direction of the head-master and the committee of said school, and the bills to be approved by the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Connor offered the two following orders, both of which passed:

1. *Ordered,* That there be paid to Oliver H. Spurr five hundred dollars for his services during the past year, as messenger of the School Committee.

Oliver H. Spurr, messenger, to be paid for services.

2. *Ordered,* That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to pay W. C. F. Tracy, officer, for attendance at the meetings of the School Committee during the past year, thirty dollars.

W. C. F. Tracy, officer, to be paid.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Parkman, that the question as to the salaries to be paid to the teachers of the High Evening School be referred to the next Board.

High evening school: salaries of teachers.

Dr. Bundy offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid to Mr. C. E. Ridler the difference between the minimum salary of an usher, and the sum which has been paid him as temporary usher in the Boylston School from April 14th to October 21st, both inclusive.

Boylston school: C. E. Ridler's services.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, On motion of Mr. Learnard, and under a suspension of the Rules, — That the Secretary be directed to cause to be bound for the use of the Board the printed copies of the minutes of our business, covering the present municipal year, now in his possession, — the work to be done under the direction of the Committee on Printing.

Printed copies of minutes to be bound.

Mr. Hunt tendered his resignation as a member of the committee appointed to prepare the Annual Report of the School Committee. The resignation was accepted.

Annual School Report; Mr. Hunt resigns on committee.

Mr. Simonds offered the following:

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be presented to His Honor, Mayor Shurtleff, for the faithful, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over this Board during the past year. The question was put by the Secretary, and the order was adopted unanimously, the members rising and standing in their places. The President made

Thanks to the President.

President's Address to be printed.

suitable response, after which, on motion of Mr. Hunt, it was voted that the President be requested to furnish a copy of his Address, to be embodied in the School Report for 1869.

Unfinished business.

Mr. Burroughs moved, and it was *Voted*, That all unfinished business, and matters in the hands of committees, be referred to the next Board.

Dr. Waldock offered the following:

"Roxbury" High School; Committee on; Rules amended.

Ordered, That Sect. 2, chapter I. of the Rules and Regulations of the School Committee be amended by the addition of the following clause: "And a standing committee of six members on the Roxbury High School; the three Wards to be equally represented"; and moved that the Rules be suspended for its passage.

Mr. Jellison moved to amend the order, so as to provide that the committee shall consist of one member from each of the Wards of the city. Dr. Waldock accepted the amendment. The motion to suspend the rules passed. The question being taken upon the order as amended, it was adopted.

Mr. C. Bent moved to amend Chap. 1, Sec. 2, in the ninth line, by striking out the word fifteen, and inserting "sixteen"; and moved a suspension of the rules, for the passage of the amendment at this time. The rules were suspended, and the motion passed.

The meeting then dissolved.

Attest:

BARNARD CAPEN,

Secretary.

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